

Minutes, Minnesota Association of County Administrators  
Fall Annual Business meeting  
October 5, 2017 1:00 p.m. Rutgers Bay Lake Lodge  
Approved by the Membership October 5, 2018

**Call to Order**

President Chuck Whiting called the meeting to order at 1:05 P.M.

**New Member Introductions**

New members were introduced

**Review/Approve Agenda**

Motion by Deb Gruber, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kyle Oldre to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

**Treasurer Report and 2018 Budget**

Bruce Messelt presented the treasurers report and reviewed the current revenues and expenditures. Dues revenue is up while conference revenue is down.

Motion By Tim Houle, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Williams to approve the 8/31/17 financial report and the bill to AMC for staff support. Motion passed unanimously.

Messelt reviewed the 2018 budget. The budget is generally balanced and the organization is building financial capacity though dues increase over the next few years. Staff costs are increased 6%.

Gruber asked a question on the membership in the National Association of County Administrators (NACA). MACA pays for a group membership which includes the membership of each individual member of MACA.

Jeff Cadwell moved, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim Elmquist to approve the 2018 budget with total revenue of \$59,312.50 and total expenditures of \$59,710.00. Motion passed unanimously.

**Proposed by-law amendment**

Whiting reviewed the proposed by-law amendment which would combine the Membership Support Committee and the Professional Development Committee into a single committee.

The specific question reads:

*Shall Article V. Section 1. of the Bylaws/Constitution of the Minnesota Association of County Administrators be amended by combining the Membership Support and Professional Development Committees?*

Motion by Deb Gruber, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larry Kleindl to approve the change as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Nominations Committee Report**

Messelt presented the nomination committee report on the question of staggered terms for the executive committee members. After discussion, the consensus of the group was to make no change to the terms of office.

### **General Conference/Training Discussion**

Whiting updated the group on recent discussions with the Minnesota Association of County Human Resource Managers (MACHRM). Direction is for each organization to have a separate summer technical day.

The group discussed expectations/ideas for the summer training. It is currently a 2-day event. The group discussed having the training on a Thursday and Friday and also if it should be a 1-day or a 2-day event.

An informal vote indicated 14 in favor of a 1-day event and 6 in favor of a 2-day event. The group will further discuss the summer training at the December meeting.

### **Legislative Priorities**

The group reviewed and voted on the AMC legislative priorities. Policies which received 10 or more votes are listed below:

24 votes—Continued support for AMC-MACO uniform county appointment of row officers bill

22 votes—AMC supports continued comprehensive transportation funding that includes new revenue for roads, bridges, and transit

17 votes—Support data practices legislation that respects current transparency and public access to data while balancing government cost and efficiency

17 Votes—Support a bonding bill that builds out regional mental health triage centers, community placements options and group residential housing.

17 Votes—Support improved technology for the METS system.

14 Votes—AMC supports the build-out of broadband infrastructure in Minnesota, including legislation that would provide continued funding for the Boarder to Boarder Broadband Development Grant Program.

14 Votes—Promote legislation that preserves tax base—this was in response to the general trend of increased property tax appeals, utility tax legislation, and the potential for “Dark Store” assessing theory to expand to Minnesota.

10 Votes—AMC supports state funding for costs associated with the clean-up of blighted, tax-forfeited land (more precise language to be developed).

Motion by Becky Young, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff Cadwell to support the legislative priorities as voted by the membership. Motion passed unanimously.

Hilgart stated the annual survey was sent out October 4, 2017. The survey gathers data to determine preliminary levy info, trends, etc. The survey provides background information for Hilgart to use in discussions with legislators and helps to identify trends, levy info, etc.

The group discussed the changes to County Program Aid (CPA) formula and how counties use CPA. Some counties did well with CPA and are not having to raise levies much. Other counties that did not get CPA increases are raising their levies.

Consensus was that CPA is property tax relief and that is the best way to frame the argument.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:12 p.m.

Attendees:

Kelsey Baker	Swift County
Jessica Beyer	Waseca County
Jeff Cadwell	Cook County
Jim Elmquist	Dodge County
Chuck Enter	Brown County
Sara Folsted	Rice County
Jan Fransen	Steele County
Dennis Genereau	Carlton County
Sharon Hanson	Pipestone County
Monty Headly	Benton County
Peg Heglund	Yellow Medicine
Dave Hemze	Carver County
Lisa Herges	Renville County
Scott Higgins	Martin County
Tim Houle	Crow Wing County
Matt Huddleston	Lake County
Tom Johnson	Nobles County
Lee Kelly	Wright County
Larry Kleindl	Kandiyohi County
Vicki Knobloch	Redwood County
Ryan Krosch	Nicollet County
Bruce Messelt	Chisago County
David Minke	Pine County
kyle Oldre	Rock County
Craig Oscarson	Mower County
Darrell Pettis	Le Sueur
Michael Plante	Wabasha County
Jessica Seibert	Aitkin County
Brett Skyles	Itasca County

Matt	Smith	Dakota County
Jerry	Soma	Anoka County
Roxy	Traxler	Sibley County
Sue	Vergin	Wright County
Bobbie	Vickerman	Fillmore County
Michael	Williams	Stearns County
Becky	Young	Stevens County