

Minutes

Iowa League of Cities Executive Board

Wednesday, February 8, 2017

Iowa League of Cities – Des Moines

Present: Jim Erb, President
Matt Walsh, Immediate Past President
Reynold Peterson, Past President
Patty Anderson, Director
Kay Cmelik, Director
Frank Darrah, Director
John Drury, Director
Jessica Kinser, Director
Suellen Kolbet, Director
Tom Lazio, Director
Scott Naumann, Director
Scott Peterson, Director
Kim Sacker, Director
Scott Sanders, Director
Hans Trousil, Director
Linda Gaul, Director

Absent: John Lundell, President-elect
Kris Gulick, Past President
Bob Scott, Director

Also Present: Alan Kemp, Executive Director
Shannon Busby, Office Manager
Bethany Crile, Communications Coordinator
Alison Deiter, Accountant
Robert Palmer, Director of Government Affairs and Legislative Counsel
Heather Roberts, Director of Information Services
Mickey Shields, Assistant Director of Membership Services
Mark Tomb, Director of Membership Services
Jeff Hovey, Director of Risk Services
Gerry Schneff, Keep Iowa Beautiful
Mary Beth Sprouse, ISU Extension & Outreach
Ashley Shiwarski, Utility Service Partners
Eric West, Utility Service Partners
Sam Hammes, TrueNorth
Dominic Bottenfield, Aetna
Kasi Koehler, Iowa Communities Assurance Pool

1. Call to Order

President Erb called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

- 2. Consent Agenda**

It was moved by Immediate Past President Walsh and seconded by Director Gual to approve the consent agenda which included the minutes of the November 10, 2016 meeting of the Executive Board, Associate applications, and the membership and investment reports. Motion approved.
- 3. Financial Report**

After the accountant reviewed the financial report, it was moved by Director Sacker and seconded by Past President Peterson to approve the October 2016 financial report as presented. Motion approved.
- 4. Keep Iowa Beautiful**

Gerry Schneff, Executive Director of Keep Iowa Beautiful, provided the board with an overview of his organization and discussed its collaborative efforts to help sustain small cities in Iowa.
- 5. Appointment to the MFPRSI Board of Trustees**

The President recommended the appointment of P. Kay Cmelik, City Clerk/Finance Officer of Grinnell to a four-year term on the Municipal Fire and Police Retirement System of Iowa (MFPRSI) Board of Trustees. After additional information from the executive director, it was moved by Director Lazio and seconded by Director Darrah to approve the appointment. Motion approved.
- 6. 2017 Legislative Day Review & Update**

The President and executive director encouraged feedback from the Executive Board on activities related to the previous day's Legislative Day conference. Overall Officers and Directors found the time and information from the event to be valuable and encouraged one another to continue to talk with their legislators about issues important to cities.
- 7. Renewal of Letter Supporting Funding of the Natural Resources & Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund**

The executive director reviewed a request from Mayor John Kruse of Storm Lake for the renewal of a letter from the League supporting the funding of the Natural Resources & Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund. Though many mayors on the Board have expressed their support of this program, a decision on this item was deferred.
- 8. Federal Legislative Update**

The director of membership services presented a report from the National League of Cities concerning federal legislative issues.
- 9. League Committee Reports**
 - A. Site Selection Committee**

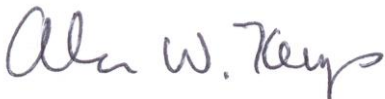
Director Kolbet and the communications coordinator presented the committee's recommendation that Council Bluffs host the 2018 Annual Conference & Exhibit. It was moved by Director Kolbet and seconded by Director Sacker to approve the committee's recommendation. Motion approved.

- 10. League Strategic Initiatives 2017**
The executive director presented information regarding the strategic initiatives the League will be pursuing in 2017. Through the discussion, the board recommended holding a single day planning session in August.
- 11. IMWCA Update**
The director of risk services provided an update on this program, which is both administered and endorsed by the League.
- 12. Iowa Communities Assurance Pool**
Kasi Koehler provided an overview and history on this League endorsed program.
- 13. Utility Service Partner's Inc.**
Ashley Shiwarski and Eric West provided an update on the status of the Utility Service Partners' Service Line Warranty Program and their endorsed program relationship with the League.
- 14. TrueNorth Health Insurance Update**
Sam Hammes and Dominic Bottenfield shared the status of establishing a group health insurance program for cities.
- 15. License Agreement Between TrueNorth Companies, L.C. and the Iowa League of Cities**
The executive director requested approval of an updated license agreement with TrueNorth Companies L.C. It was moved by Director Darrah and seconded by Director Sacker to approve the agreement which updates and supersedes the agreement originally approved by the board on April 17, 2014 and adds a paragraph addressing the Ancillary Voluntary Group Benefits. Motion approved.
- 16. Other Business and Next Meeting**
The executive director introduced Mary Beth Sprouse and reviewed her new role serving League members through ISU Extension & Outreach.

The next meeting of the Executive Board is scheduled for 11 a.m. on Thursday, April 27 at the Iowa League of Cities office.

17. Adjourn

Respectfully submitted,



Alan W. Kemp
Executive Director