

Minutes

Iowa League of Cities Executive Board
Wednesday, February 7, 2018
Iowa League of Cities Conference Room

Present in person: John Lundell, President
Matt Walsh, Immediate Past President
Terry Donahue, Past President
Frank Darrah, Director
Nancy Earles, Director
David Jones, Director
Suellen Kolbet, Director
Tom Lazio, Director
Al Roder, Director
Dawn Meyer, Director
Kim Sacker, Director
Scott Sanders, Director

Present on phone: Jessica Kinser, Director
Hans Trousil, Director
Bob Scott, Director

Absent: Scott Naumann, President-elect
John Drury, Director
Quentin Hart, Director

Also Present: Alan Kemp, Executive Director
Shannon Busby, Office Manager
Bethany Crile, Communications Coordinator
Alison Dieter, Accountant
Erin Mullenix, Research and Fiscal Analyst
Heather Roberts, Director of Information Services
Mickey Shields, Assistant Director of Information Services
Mark Tomb, Director of Membership Services
Kevin W. Techau, Scheldrup Blades Law Firm

1. Call to Order

President Lundell called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

2. Executive Board Vacancies

President Lundell requested approval to fill vacancies on the Executive Board. It was moved by Director Lazio and seconded by Director Darrah to fill the vacancies as requested. Motion approved.

3. Consent Agenda

It was moved by Immediate Past President Walsh and seconded by Director Sacker to approve the consent agenda which included the minutes of the November 9, 2017 meeting of the Executive Board, League Associate and Partner Applications, the membership and investment reports, and renewal of the LexisNexis subscription. Motion approved.

- 4. Financial Report**

After a report from the accountant it was moved by Past President Donahue and seconded by Director Darrah to approve the October 2017 financial report. Motion approved.
- 5. League Long Term Financial Plan**

The accountant presented an updated Long-Term Financial Plan. It was moved by Director Roder and seconded by Director Earles to approve the plan. Motion approved.
- 6. Small Cities Dues Initiative**

The accountant explained and presented changes discussed by the Finance Committee to the League's dues formula to attract and retain the membership of Iowa smallest cities. After much discussion by the Board, it was recommended that the League explore sponsorships or scholarships for non-members.
- 7. Appointment to the MFPRSI Board of Trustees**

At the recommendation of the President, it was moved by Director Peterson and seconded by Director Lazio to appoint Duane Pitcher, Director of Finance in Ames, to a four-year term on the Municipal Fire and Police Retirement System of Iowa (MFPRSI) Board of Trustees. Motion approved.
- 8. 2017 Legislative Day Review & Update**

The President encouraged feedback for enhancing Legislative Day, which will be held February 14, 2018.
- 9. Federal Legislative Update**

The director of membership services provided a report from the National League of Cities concerning federal legislative issues.
- 10. Home Rule 50th Anniversary Initiative**

The executive director provided an overview of plans for recognizing the 50th Anniversary of the passage of the Home Rule Amendment to the Iowa Constitution.
- 11. Proclamation Recognizing the 50th Anniversary of Home Rule in Iowa**

It was moved by Director Lazio and seconded by Director Darrah to approve the signing of a proclamation by the executive board recognizing the 50th anniversary of the Home Rule amendment to the Constitution of the State of Iowa. Motion approved.
- 12. Tim Shields Endowment**

The assistant director of membership services provided an overview of the endowment and a new golf tournament fundraising initiative.
- 13. League Strategic Initiatives Draft**

The assistant director of membership services provided an overview of the strategic initiatives the League will be pursuing in 2018-2019, which are based on the Board's strategic planning discussions in August and November.
- 14. NLC Congressional Cities Conference**

The executive director provided information on the upcoming Congressional Cities Conference to be held in Washington, DC from March 11 – 14, 2018.

15. Discussion of Opioid Litigation and Local Government in Iowa

Attorney Kevin W. Techau of the Scheldrup Blades law firm provided an overview of the opioid litigation in the state of Iowa. The Board recommended the League work with IMAA to take the lead in educating members about the potential for joining the process.

16. Other Business and Next Meeting

The Executive Director reviewed a grant related to water quality for which the League has applied. Awards will be made in July 2018.

The Director of Information Services shared information about a tool from NLC-RISK that will help with League and IMWCA research. The League, along with IWMCA, entered into a data-sharing contract to participate in the program.

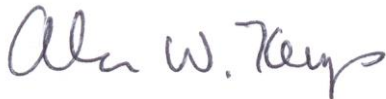
The Executive Director provided an update on the amicus brief drafted on behalf of the League. In addition, the city of Ottumwa is involved in a lawsuit that could affect all cities, and the city may request an amicus brief from the League on the matter.

The next meeting of the Executive Board is scheduled for Thursday, April 26, 2018 at the Iowa League of Cities office.

17. Adjourn

The executive board adjourned at 11:37 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Alan W. Kemp
Executive Director