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Attendees: Elizabeth Dragon, Mile Joyal, Carlos Baia, Donna Nashawaty, Jeanne Beaudin, Russ Dean, and Guy Scaife

Meeting called to order by President Dragon at 11:40 AM.

Minutes of the 11/14/12 meeting were unanimously approved.

Financials have not been finalized, therefore no report was submitted; it will be forthcoming at the next meeting.

The board had a brief discussion on the affiliate services provided by LGC to MMANH. It was explained that LGC had notified us of their decision to continue to provide support at no cost so as to be consistent with support provided in the very early years of LGC prior to the reorganization in 2003. It was suggested that a calendar entry be made to remind the Board to order cookies in December for the LGC staff as a token of our appreciation for their support.

Mike Joyal briefly discussed the upcoming Boston ICMA Annual Conference. Dinner cost will be approximately \$100, estimate 60 to 65 attendees (combination of 40 members and spouses).

The Portsmouth ICMA Conference will serve as a replacement for our (MMANH) March meeting. There is ongoing discussion on what the cost will be for MMANH members to attend: ICMA and non-ICMA rate. Donna Nashawaty indicated that she does not have a current listing of MMANH members that also ICMA members. Elizabeth Dragon suggested that we expand our membership outreach to include encouraging members to join ICMA.

Elizabeth Dragon asks the executive board members to think about what we wanted to accomplish / focus on this year. Donna Nashawaty suggested that we should pole the membership to identify what they expected from MMANH so that we could match our efforts to the desires of the membership and /or identify areas of concern. It was suggested to compare the list of active member communications on list serve versus meeting attendees. Elizabeth Dragon stated that we can grow our membership by providing relevant training.

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She ask if we should strive to develop a strong relationship with GFOA, possibly have some joint meetings. After a brief discussion, the consensus was that the GFOA, while desiring a good relationship with MMANH, they would not be interested in having joint conferences.

Elizabeth Dragon suggested that as a standing discussion item at each meeting we discuss future meeting agendas; this will help keep us focused on objectives as well as constantly looking ahead.

Mike Joyal discussed the need to identify training topics for future meetings; he ask that members to forward any ideas to him.

Mike Joyal briefed the Board that the NH Charitable Association is preparing to accept applications for the 2013 Caroline L. Gross Fellowship. The fellowship enables an individual in public life to attend a three-week seminar for state and local officials at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. Correspondence will be sent to all members soon informing the group that the Municipal Management Association of NH will be recommending nominations to the selection committee and asking for members interested in being nominated, to please call or send an email directly to m.joyal@dover.nh.gov by no later than this Friday.

Past MMANH recipients of the Gross Fellowship award have included Todd Selig, Mel O'Connor and George Bald. For anyone needing more information, you may visit the websites below. Todd Selig, Durham's Town Administrator, has also graciously indicated that he is available to address any questions if you would like to contact him directly.

Mike Joyal notified the Board that he will be contacting the Maine representative soon to discuss and make plans for the joint December 2013 Conference, tentatively scheduled for Portland Maine this year.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:10 PM

Guy Scaife MMANH Secretary