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In attendance: Russ Dean, Carlos Baía, Donna Nashawaty, Steve Fournier

Absent: Mike Joyal, Elizabeth Dragon, Jill Collins

Meeting called to order at 11:35 a.m.

Minutes of the 12/22/10 Conference Call

Ms. Nashawaty moved approval. Seconded by Mr. Fournier.

No discussion.

Approved 4-0

Financial Report

Due to inclement weather, Mr. Joyal was unable to attend. As such, there was no financial report. This item was tabled until the next meeting.

ICMA Boston

Mr. Fournier stated that the 1st host committee meeting in 2011 will be held in March. He plans to attend per the direction given at the December NHMMA Executive Board meeting.

Mr. Dean asked whether the request for greater NHMMA participation in this conference should be raised at today's general membership meeting. Mr. Fournier noted that due to the snow storm he did not anticipate a large turnout. Mr. Baía indicated that he would prefer for the Executive Board to first examine this issue thoroughly before bringing it to the general membership.

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NHMMA 2011 Conference

Mr. Dean indicated that he had met with Erin from LGC on this issue. They have secured a rate of \$129/night for the Mountain View Grand Resort in Whitefield for the dates of June 15-17th.

The Presidential Ballroom has also been reserved. Golf rates will be \$30 weekdays and \$34 for weekends for NHMMA conference participants.

Mr. Dean will circulate the information on the resort/conference package to the Executive Board to gauge the type of activities (if any) the Board may want to program.

Meeting Programs

Mr. Dean explained that he had some ideas for future topics such as collective bargaining, health and wellness for managers, regionalization, and work-life balance issues.

Meeting with DRA

Ms. Nashawaty indicated that she attended the recent meeting with DRA concerning the financial data model and the need to standardize the MS reporting format. There were about five representatives from NHGFOA and NHMMA in total.

Ms. Nashawaty believed the meeting was to have been about revisions to the chart of accounts but instead it focused on where the information collected on the MS forms ends. It appears that 27 states provide the Census Bureau with the data including New Hampshire.

It seemed to Ms. Nashawaty that the DRA use of the MS information is quite limited. They look at revenues, fund balance and expenditures.

Changes to roll-up some of the MS categories into a standardized chart of accounts would require state legislation. Ms. Nashawaty's impression was that the DRA representatives were not interested in pursuing this change.

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The uses for the MS-5 forms seemed limited. The value of its relationship with the Census is also questionable as by the time the data is available to NH it is one year old. Ms. Nashawaty also noted that if there is an audit and the MS-5 is corrected, it is never recorded.

Membership

The Board discussed the recent situation with John Scruton in Rochester. The Board was concerned with Mr. Scruton's well-being. Mr. Fournier indicated that Mr. Scruton was at peace.

<u>Adjournment</u>

Ms. Nashawaty motioned for adjournment. Mr. Baía seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carlos P. Baía Secretary