

MMANH Executive Board Meeting 3-20-15

Attendees: Carlos Baia; Donna Nashawaty; Jeanne Beaudin, Walter Johnson, Elizabeth Fox and Dave Owen

The meeting was convened by President Carlos Baia at 1:45 PM

Minutes: It was moved by Dave O. to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2015 meeting as submitted. Donna N. seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

Financial Report: Walter J. presented a financial report dated March 20, 2015 showing total receipts through 2-29-15 of \$12,790.82 and expenditures through that same date of \$2,482.33 so far this year. A motion to accept this financial report was made by Donna N, and seconded by Jeanne B. The motion was approved unanimously. Carlos noted that he will check on the status of payment of membership dues by members.

Catering Charges: Donna N. reported that NHMA had been relying on a 15-year old letter about whether catered meals for MMANH meeting are exempt from the NH meals and rooms tax. However, it has now been ruled that they are not exempt from this tax. Thus we need to add 9% to the cost of catered meals for members. As a consequence, meals for our meetings will be limited to sandwiches, wraps, and the like to limit our costs.

Meeting Attendance Policy: There was discussion about whether non-members (e.g. finance directors) can attend meeting either with members or in lieu of a member. The consensus was that members can bring members of their staff as guests to MMANH meetings, but cannot send someone to attend our meetings in their place. Associate member are welcome to attend meetings also.

ICMA Update: Carlos reported that conference registration fees for the ICMA Conference in Seattle increased by \$10 this year. He said that ICMA is looking at changing its Nominating process again, because its diversity goals are not being met. He will want our input on this at some point. The ICMA's Regional Summit meeting will be on May 7th, when they will vote on nominations to the ICMA Board. Donna N. will be participating as MMANH's representative. Also, Carlos reported that the 2023 ICMA Conference will be in Austin, TX.

Programming Update: Donna N. updated us on the programs she has arranged for the upcoming meetings. Broadband services will be the topic of our next monthly meeting, and the Rail Transportation Study will be the topic of the next meeting. She reported that our June conference is all set. Relative to the NHMA Annual Conference in November, she suggested the possibility of a panel of town and city managers to talk about the value of professional management for communities.

Fellowship Update: Carlos reported that we are currently accepting applications for fellowships. Our budget has allocated enough funds for three fellowships, which are pretty much limited to summer time.

New Member Applications: It was moved by Walter J., and seconded by Beth F. to ratify the membership approval of Russ Boland of Lyndeborough. The motion was approved unanimously. There was some discussion about the number of openings for town administrators and managers as a result of recent town elections.

Old/New Business: It was discussed that one of our members has been diagnosed with a debilitating disease, and whether there is anything that we as an association can do to support that member.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 PM.