MINUTES
South Dakota Municipal League
ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING AND
ELECTION

October 5, 2018 ★ Pierre Ramkota Hotel and Conference Center

President Wendland called the meeting to order at 10:40 a.m.

Karl Alberts, Aberdeen, presented the report of the audit committee, made up of Alberts, Rebecca Brunsing, Wagner, Michelle De Neui, Spearfish, and Tracy Davis and Pauline Sumption, Rapid City. Alberts reported finding no irregularities, and that a clean audit had been issued. Alberts further explained that the committee meets each year to review all of the affiliate financial information, and reports annually to both the SDML Board and to each affiliate board. Alberts thanked those who had helped with the financial review process. It was moved by Pauline Sumption, Rapid City, seconded Arnie Schott, McLaughlin, to accept the report of the Auditing Committee. Upon unanimous vote, the motion was approved.

Yvonne Taylor presented the Executive Director’s Annual Report and discussed the 19-year effort to achieve main street fairness with equal taxation of internet and catalog sales. Taylor noted there would be a decrease, however, as the ‘grandfathering’ of sales taxes on internet access would be going away, costing cities $7-$10 million and the State $11-$15 million per year. Taylor introduced the SDML staff, noting how excellent the staff is year round, and expressed the staff’s gratitude for being able to work for the municipalities of South Dakota.

Pauline Sumption, Chair of the Resolutions Committee, led the review of the policies as presented by the Resolutions Committee. Committee chairs or vice-chairs were available to answer questions on changes made to their section of the policy statement. Representing the committees were Paulllyn Carey, Huron – General Government; Tom Paisley, Spearfish – Public Health, Safety, and Welfare; Justin Weiland, Dell Rapids – Public Works; and Pauline Sumption, Rapid City – Tax and Revenue.

After full review of the policies by the assembled members, it was moved by Meri Jo Anderson, New Underwood, seconded by Linda Kramer, Hermosa, to approve the 2019 Statement of Policy and By-Law Resolution as presented. Upon unanimous vote, the motion was approved.

President Wendland explained the proposed change to the SDML Constitution, which were mailed to the members in July. It was moved by Susan Kloostra, North Sioux City, seconded by Carol Kiecker, Java, to approve the change. Upon unanimous vote, the motion was approved.

President Wendland presented a resolution of appreciation to the Host Community of Pierre. City Administrator Kristi Honeywell accepted the resolution on behalf of the city.

Taylor presented Wendland with the President’s plaque, in appreciation of his service to the SDML.
President Wendland presented certificates of appreciate to the Executive Board members.

Meri Jo Anderson, New Underwood, presented the report of the nominating committee as follows:

President: Pauline Sumption, Finance Officer, Rapid City  
1st Vice President: Debbra Houseman, Finance Officer, Lake Andes  
2nd Vice President: Steve Allender, Mayor, Rapid City  
Trustee: Karl Alberts, Finance Officer, Aberdeen  
Trustee: Christine Erickson, Councilmember, Sioux Falls  
Trustee: Amy Nelson, City Manager, Yankton  
Trustee: Fay Bueno, Finance Officer, Sturgis  
Trustee: Carolynn Anderson, Finance Officer, Wall

President Wendland asked for a motion on the report of the Nominating Committee.

It was moved by Becky Brunsing, Wagner, seconded by Julia Hoefert, Baltic, to approve the Report of the Nominating Committee for the 2018-2019 Slate of Officers. Upon unanimous vote, the slate of officers was elected.

Mike Wendland presented the gavel to newly-elected President Pauline Sumption.

Newly Elected President Sumption gave brief remarks thanking other members of the board, and thanked the membership for this honor.

Following drawings for door prizes and there being no further business, the meeting was declared adjourned at 11:20 a.m.