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South Dakota Municipal League
ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING AND
ELECTION

October 7, 2016 ★ Rapid City Ramkota Hotel and Conference Center

President Meri Jo Anderson called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Karl Alberts, Aberdeen, presented the report of the audit committee, made up of Alberts, Rebecca Brunning of Wagner, Michelle De Neui, Spearfish, and Pauline Sumption of 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 Monna Van Lint, seconded Vanessa Row, Keystone, to accept the report of the Auditing Committee. Upon unanimous vote, the motion was approved.

Yvonne Taylor presented the Executive Director’s Annual Report, stating her appreciation of the work of the audit committee, and thanking all the people who worked to develop the policy statement. Taylor discussed upcoming legislative issues and the need to be involved in the process earlier than normal. Finally, Taylor introduced the SDML staff, noting how excellent the staff is year round.

Laurie Gill, Chair of the Resolutions Committee, led the review of the policies as presented by the Resolutions Committee. Each committee chair was available to answer questions on changes made to their section of the policy statement. Policy committee chairs for 2016 were Mike Wendland, Baltic – General Government; Tom Paisley, Spearfish – Public Health, Safety, and Welfare; Mark Cotter, Sioux Falls – Public Works; and Pauline Sumption – Tax and Revenue.

After full review by the assembled members, it was moved by Jack Trullinger, New Underwood, seconded by Linda Kramer, Hermosa, to approve the 2017 Statement of Policy as presented. Upon unanimous vote, the motion was approved.

President Anderson reviewed the year during her President’s Report. She spoke of her experiences working in local government and of traveling through the state at District Meetings. She offered her help in the future to anyone who contacted her.

President Anderson presented certificates of appreciate to the Executive Board members.

President Anderson presented a resolution of appreciation to the Host Community of Rapid City. Mayor Steve Allender accepted the resolution on behalf of the city.

Yvonne Taylor presented President Anderson with the President’s plaque.
Dennis Olson, Brandon, presented the report of the nominating committee as follows:

President: Laurie Gill, Mayor, Pierre  
1st Vice President: Mike Wendland, Mayor, Baltic  
2nd Vice President: Anita Lowary, Finance Officer, Groton  
Trustee: Pauline Sumption, Finance Officer, Rapid City  
Trustee: Karl Alberts, Finance Officer, Aberdeen  
Trustee: Debbra Houseman, Finance Officer, Lake Andes  
Trustee: Steve Allender, Mayor, Rapid City  
Trustee: Christine Erickson, Councilmember, Sioux Falls  
Past President: Meri Jo Anderson, Finance Officer, New Underwood

It was moved by Dennis Olson, Brandon, seconded by Gene Beuchler, Java, to approve the Report of the Nominating Committee for the 2016-2017 Slate of Officers. Upon unanimous vote, the slate of officers was elected.

President Anderson presented the gavel to Newly Elected President Laurie Gill.

Newly Elected President Laurie Gill gave brief remarks on accepting her position.

Following drawings for door prizes and there being no further business, the meeting was declared adjourned at 11:15 a.m.