MINUTES

South Dakota Municipal League
ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING AND ELECTION

October 9, 2015 ★ Watertown Event Center

President Jeanne Duchscher called the meeting to order at 10:54 a.m.

Karl Alberts, Aberdeen, presented the report of the audit committee, made up of Alberts, Rebecca Brunson of Wagner, Michelle De Neui, Spearfish, and Pauline Sumption of Rapid City. Alberts reported finding no irregularities, and that comments were being addressed by management. 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 Arnold Schott, McLaughlin, seconded Kyle Cwach, Canton, 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.

Meri Jo Anderson, Chair of the Resolutions Committee, led the review of the policies as presented by the Resolutions Committee. Each committee chair reviewed the changes made to their section of the policy statement. Policy committee chairs for 2015 were Mike Wendland, Baltic (Represented by Anita Lowary, Groton, Vice Chair) – General Government; Tom Paisley, Spearfish (Represented by Britany Smith, Philip, Vice Chair) – Public Health, Safety, and Welfare; Mark Cotter, Sioux Falls (represented by Robin Bobzien, Aberdeen) – Public Works (unable to attend); and Pauline Sumption – Tax and Revenue.

After full review by the assembled members, it was moved by Meri Jo Anderson, New Underwood, seconded by Karl Alberts, Aberdeen, to approve the 2016 Statement of Policy as presented. Upon unanimous vote, the motion was approved.

President Duchscher reviewed the year during her President’s Report. She spoke of her travels with her family from North Dakota to Michigan and to South Dakota, and of her experiences working in government finance. Duchscher thanked the Past Presidents of the League, the current Board Members, the membership, and the SDML staff for their help through her term as President.

President Duchscher presented certificates of appreciate to the Executive Board members.
President Duchscher presented a resolution of appreciation to the Host Community of Watertown. Mayor Steve Thorson accepted the resolution on behalf of the city.

Yvonne Taylor presented President Duchscher with the President’s plaque.

Dennis Olson, Brandon, presented the report of the nominating committee as follows:

President: Meri Jo Anderson, Finance Officer, New Underwood
1st Vice President: Laurie Gill, Mayor, Pierre
2nd Vice President: Mike Wendland, Mayor, Baltic
Trustee: Pauline Sumption, Finance Officer, Rapid City
Trustee: Greg Jamison, Councilmember, Sioux Falls
Trustee: Karl Alberts, Finance Officer, Aberdeen
Trustee: Steve Allender, Mayor, Rapid City
Trustee: Anita Lowary, Finance Officer, Groton
Past President: Jeanne Duchscher, Finance Officer, Parker

It was moved by Dennis Olson, Brandon, seconded by Dave Dutton, Spearfish to approve the Report of the Nominating Committee for the 2015-2016 Slate of Officers. Upon unanimous vote, the slate of officers was elected.

President Jeanne Duchscher presented the gavel to Newly Elected President Meri Jo Anderson.

Newly Elected President Meri Jo Anderson gave brief remarks on accepting her position.

Following drawings for door prizes and there being no further business, the meeting was declared adjourned at 11:30 a.m.