MINUTES

South Dakota Municipal League
Board of Directors

Tuesday, October 6, 2015 * Watertown, SD

President Jeanne Duchscher called the meeting to order at 7:44 p.m. Members present were:

Jeanne Duchscher, Finance Officer, Parker; Meri Jo Anderson, Finance Officer, New Underwood; Harry Weller, Mayor, Kadoka; Amy Nelson, City Manager, Yankton; Karl Alberts, Finance Officer, Aberdeen; Laurie Gill, Mayor, Pierre; Mike Grosek, Mayor, Webster; Steve Allender, Mayor, Rapid City; Pauline Sumption, Finance Officer, Rapid City; Debbie Houseman, Finance Officer, Lake Andes; Arnie Schott, Mayor, McLaughlin; Anita Lowary, Finance Officer, Groton; Fay Bueno, Finance Officer, Sturgis; Carolynn Anderson, Finance Officer, Wall; Becky Brunsing, Finance Officer, Wagner

Members not able to attend were: Mike Wendland, Mayor, Baltic; Greg Jamison, Councilmember, Sioux Falls; Renae Phinney, Ree Heights; Tim Reed, Mayor, Brookings;

Others Present: Yvonne Taylor, SDML Executive Director

Duchscher expressed her gratitude to the Board for their help, support, and friendship during her tenure, and was applauded by the Board for her service.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
It was moved by Weller, seconded by Lowary to approve the minutes of the May 28, 2015 meeting. Upon unanimous vote, the motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
It was moved by Sumption, seconded by Alberts to approve the financial statements as presented. Upon unanimous vote, the motion was approved.

NEW BUSINESS
• Approval of 2016 Lobbyists. It was moved by Anderson, seconded by Nelson to approve Yvonne Taylor, Jeff Mehlhaff, Jim Hood, Larry Nelson, and Lori Martinec to lobby on behalf of the SDML for the 2015 Legislative Session. Upon unanimous vote, the motion was approved.
• It was moved by Sumption, seconded by Brunsing to re-appoint Mike Grosek, Webster, and Yvonne Taylor, SDML as the representatives of the Municipal League on the SDML Workers’ Compensation Fund Board of Directors. Upon unanimous vote, the motion was approved.
• Discussion was held on incentives to motivate elected officials to attend training sessions. It was noted that it is difficult to get people with full-time jobs to use annual leave time for training. Board members will send any ideas to League staff.
Discussion was held regarding affiliate dues to the SDML. Taylor presented a proposal for 2016 dues. The issue was moved to the December board meeting, with Taylor asked to present information comparing current dues to the proposal, and to recommend a schedule on which the affiliate dues will be reviewed, with such review not to exceed five years.

**DIRECTOR’S REPORT**
Taylor noted that the registration numbers were down significantly from last year, and somewhat from other years, although at the same level as the prior annual conference held in Watertown. Conference speakers were highlighted.

Taylor noted that there are major issues pending that will impact the decisions on what legislation should be brought forward from the SDML, including the Blue Ribbon Task Force on education funding and the legislative summer study of county government. Together with the League’s own efforts on economic development legislation, legislative decisions cannot be made at this time, but it will need to be determined before the December board meeting if there will be major proposals. Taylor asked the Board to be ready for a mid-November conference call to make some of the decisions related to legislation for 2016.

**ADJOURNMENT**
There being no further business and no expressed need for an executive session, it was moved by Sumption, seconded by Nelson that the meeting be adjourned at 8:48 p.m. Upon unanimous vote, the motion was approved.