MINUTES

South Dakota Municipal League
ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING AND ELECTION

October 10, 2014 ★ Spearfish Convention Center

President Becky Brunsing called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

Karl Alberts, Aberdeen, presented the report of the audit committee, made up of Alberts, Rebecca Brunsing of Wagner, and Pauline Sumption of Rapid City. Alberts reported finding no irregularities, and thanked those who had helped with the financial review process. Alberts noted the committee is working with League staff on a recommended net position (formerly net assets) policy for the affiliate groups. It was moved by Jeanne Duchscher, Parker, seconded Gary Lipp, Custer, 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 staffing changes and service improvements and stated that the Board had approved hiring a full time position of accounting assistant, which would necessitate a dues increase. Taylor described the amounts of increase and the basis for League dues. Finally, Taylor introduced the SDML staff, noting how solid and excellent the staff is year round.

Jeanne Duchscher, 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 2014 were Mike Wendland, Baltic – General Government; Tom Paisley, Spearfish – Public Health, Safety, and Welfare; Mark Cotter, Sioux Falls – Public Works (unable to attend); and Pauline Sumption – Tax and Revenue. In the absence of a chair/vice chair from the Public Works committee, Taylor noted the changes to the Public Works Policy Statement at their October meeting, and further noted the policy adopted by the Resolutions Committee and added to the General Government statement.

After full review by the assembled members, it was moved by Meri Jo Anderson, New Underwood, seconded by Mike Wendland, Baltic, to approve the 2015 Statement of Policy as presented. Upon unanimous vote, the motion was approved.

President Brunsing reviewed the year during his President’s Report. She presented an example from her City of Wagner of the benefits of getting to know other League members and the staff, and how it can help with the creation and work of programs at home. Brunsing 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 Brunsing presented certificates of appreciate to the Executive Board members.
President Brunsing presented a resolution of appreciation to the Host Community of Spearfish. Mayor Dana Boke accepted the resolution on behalf of the city.

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

Tracy Turbak, Sioux Falls, presented the report of the nominating committee as follows:

President: Jeanne Duchscher, Finance Officer, Parker  
1st Vice President: Meri Jo Anderson, Finance Officer, New Underwood  
2nd Vice President: Laurie Gill, Mayor, Pierre  
Trustee: Mike Wendland, Mayor, Baltic  
Trustee: Sam Kooiker, Mayor, Rapid City  
Trustee: Greg Jamison, Councilmember, Sioux Falls  
Trustee: Pauline Sumption, Finance Officer, Rapid City  
Trustee: Karl Alberts, Finance Officer, Aberdeen  
Past President: Rebecca Brunsing, Finance Officer, Wagner  

It was moved by Georgeann Silvernail, Deadwood, seconded by Gary Lipp, Custer to approve the Report of the Nominating Committee for the 2014-2015 Slate of Officers. Upon unanimous vote, the slate of officers was elected.

Newly Elected President Jeanne Duchscher gave brief remarks on accepting her position and stated she was looking forward to the upcoming year, noting that as a new grandmother, she believes the children are why cities do what they do – for their future.

Following drawings for door prizes and there being no further business, the meeting was declared adjourned at 10:45 a.m.