

**NORTHWEST MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE**

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*A Regional Association of Illinois  
Municipalities and Townships  
Representing a Population of Over One Million*

**MEMBERS**

- Antioch
- Arlington Heights
- Barrington
- Bartlett
- Buffalo Grove
- Carpentersville
- Cary
- Crystal Lake
- Deerfield
- Des Plaines
- Elk Grove Twp.
- Elk Grove Village
- Evanston
- Fox River Grove
- Glencoe
- Glenview
- Grayslake
- Golf\*
- Hanover Park
- Harwood Heights
- Hawthorn Woods
- Highland Park
- Hoffman Estates
- Inverness
- Kenilworth
- Lake Barrington
- Lake Forest
- Lake Zurich
- Libertyville
- Lincolnshire
- Lincolnwood
- Morton Grove
- Mount Prospect
- New Trier Twp.
- Niles
- Northbrook
- Northfield
- Northfield Twp.
- Palatine
- Park Ridge
- Prospect Heights
- Rolling Meadows
- Roselle
- Schaumburg
- Skokie
- Streamwood
- Vernon Hills
- Wheeling
- Wilmette
- Winnetka

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*Executive Director*  
Mark L. Fowler

**NWMC Board**

**Minutes**

**Wednesday, May 9, 2007**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Radisson Hotel**

**2875 North Milwaukee Avenue  
Northbrook/Prospect Heights, IL**

**I. Call to Order**

President Van Dusen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

President Van Dusen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. Roll Call**

Diane Kopterski called the roll.

**Members Present**

- Arlington Heights, Mayor Arlene J. Mulder
- Barrington, President Karen Darch
- Buffalo Grove, President Elliott Hartstein
- Carpentersville, Manager Craig Anderson
- Cary, Administrator Cameron Davis
- Crystal Lake, Manager Gary Mayerhofer
- Deerfield, Manager Bob Franz
- Des Plaines, Mayor Tony Arredia
- Elk Grove Township, Trustee Lou Petrone
- Elk Grove Village, Mayor Craig Johnson, Manager Ray Rummel, Trustee James Petri
- Fox River Grove, Trustee Duane Figurski
- Glencoe, President Scott Feldman
- Hanover Park, President Rodney Craig, Trustee Wesley Eby
- Harwood Heights, Finance and IT Manager Larry Noller
- Hoffman Estates, Manager Jim Norris
- Lake Zurich, President John Tolomei
- Lincolnwood, Mayor Jerry Turry
- Morton Grove, President Rick Krier, Administrator Joe Wade
- Mount Prospect, Mayor Irvana Wilks
- Niles, Trustee Louella Preston
- Northbrook, President Eugene Marks
- Palatine, Mayor Rita Mullins
- Rolling Meadows, Assistant Manager Barry Krumstok
- Skokie, Mayor George Van Dusen
- Wheeling, Manager J. Mark Rooney

\*Affiliate Member

Wilmette, President Christopher Canning  
Winnetka, Trustee Sandra Berger

**Members Absent**

Antioch	Lake Forest
Bartlett	Libertyville
Evanston	Lincolnshire
Glenview	New Trier Township
Golf	Northfield
Grayslake	Northfield Township
Hawthorn Woods	Park Ridge
Highland Park	Prospect Heights
Inverness	Roselle
Kenilworth	Schaumburg
Lake Barrington	Streamwood
	Vernon Hills

**Others in Attendance**

Bunny Anderson, Illinois Toll Highway Authority  
Larry Bury, NWMC Policy Analyst  
Mark Fowler, NWMC Executive Director  
Chalen Hunter, NWMC Program Manager  
Diane Kopterski, NWMC Executive Secretary  
David Kralik, Metra  
Rick Mack, Metra  
Brian McPartlin, Illinois Toll Highway Authority  
Hubert Morgan, CMAP  
Phil Pagano, Metra  
Andy Plummer, RTA  
Erin Sammon, NWMC Program Associate  
Mike Walczak, NWMC Program Manager



Vice-President	Karen Darch President, Village of Barrington
Secretary	Jill Brickman Supervisor, Northfield Township
Treasurer	Jim Norris Manager, Village of Hoffman Estates

Motion was made by President Wilks to approve the slate of officers for FY07-08. The motion was seconded by President Marks and approved by membership.

**C. NWMC Annual Banquet Update/Reminder**

President Van Dusen stated that the NWMC officers will be installed at this year's Annual Banquet, scheduled for June 20, at the Holiday Inn North Shore in Skokie.

**D. Authorization to Act During the Summer**

President Van Dusen stated that the Executive Board recommended that membership approve a motion empowering the Executive Board to act on all issues requiring approval during the summer recess which begins following the May membership meeting.

Motion to authorize the Executive Board to act on all issues requiring approval during the summer recess was made by Mayor Mulder. It was seconded by Mayor Mullins and approved by membership.

**E. NWMC Service Resolutions**

President Van Dusen stated that the Executive Board recommended approval of service resolutions for Wheeling Village President Greg Klatecki and Hoffman Estates Village Clerk Virginia Hayter who were leaving their respective offices.

Motion to approve Resolutions for President Greg Klatecki and Village Clerk Hayter was made by President Hartstein. It was seconded by Mayor Mullins and approved by membership.

President Van Dusen presented the resolution to Hoffman Estates Village Clerk Hayter who thanked members and shared her early memories of the Conference. Village Manager Mark Rooney accepted the resolution on behalf of President Klatecki.

**VI. Priority Issues**

**A. Legislative Committee – Elliott Hartstein, President, Village of Buffalo Grove, Co-Chair and Karen Darch, President, Village of Barrington, Co-Chair**

*1. MMC Education Funding Reform Proposal*

Mr. Bury stated that the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus Education Reform Task Force prepared an education funding recommendation that included two revenue sources and that the MMC was looking for consensus from the COGs. The first is an increase in individual and corporate income taxes and the second would close corporate loopholes. The additional revenue would go directly to education operating funds to raise the foundation level to \$6,700 per student, and the remainder would be dedicated for special education and implementing accountability measures. Another portion of the funds would be used for an across the board 25% property tax relief. Members then discussed various

aspects of the education funding proposal and the revenue from the Local Govt. Distribution Fund which was to be used for the unfunded pension liability.

Mayor Van Dusen stated that the member municipalities will need to discuss this proposal with their municipalities. He stated that there would be a special joint meeting of the Executive and Legislative Committees next week to discuss the issue and asked that members inform Mr. Fowler of their opinions on the matter or bring them to that meeting.

2. *Legislation Update*

Mr. Bury stated the April 27 was the deadline to pass House bills out of the House, and the deadline to pass Senate bills out has been extended to May. He reviewed the status of the bills advancing in the General Assembly.

3. *House Bill 1500 Update*

Mr. Bury stated that House Bill 1500 would take away local government authority over franchising, right-of-way decision-making, determining equitable service areas and customer service issues and hand it over to the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) while failing to provide the ICC with the regulatory authority or resources to properly oversee these responsibilities. He stated that legislators are waiting for amendments to the bill and keep extending the deadline for committee approval.

4. *RTA Reform Legislation – HB 1841*

Mr. Bury stated that HB1841 gives the RTA more power for regional planning and coordination and does not change the RTA Board structure. The RTA would also set regional goals, objectives, and performance standards for the service boards. The Conference Legislative Committee and Executive Board recommended that the Conference support HB 1841.

Motion to support HB1841 was made by Mayor Mulder. It was seconded by Mayor Arredia and approved by membership.

**B. Transportation Committee – Bill McLeod, President, Village of Hoffman Estates and Kerry Cummings, President, Village of Glenview, Vice-Chair**

*Resolution to Approve Planning Liaison Scope of Services and Budget*

President Van Dusen stated that an annual resolution must be passed to secure UWP funding through CMAP for support of NWMC transportation planning services. These funds are utilized by the Conference for transportation-related salaries and expenses. The Transportation Committee and Executive Board recommended approval of the resolution.

Motion to approve the Planning Liaison Scope of Services and Budget resolution was made by Mayor Arredia. It was seconded by President Marks and approved by membership.

**C. Program Services Committee – Craig Anderson, Manager, Village of Carpentersville, Chair**

1. *The 2007 NWMC Crack Sealing and Lane Marking Programs*

Mr. Anderson stated that 29 municipalities are participating in the 2007 NWMC Crack Sealing and Lane Marking Programs. Award announcements and copies of the contracts have been sent to all participating municipalities.

2. *2008 Ford Taurus (SEL)*

Mr. Anderson stated that the Ford Taurus bid opening was held in April and Currie Motors has been awarded the contract.

**VII. Consent Agenda**

Motion was made by President Marks to approve the items on the Consent Agenda. It was seconded by Mayor Arredia and approved by membership. The following items were approved on the Consent Agenda:

- Monthly Budget Report & Warrant List for March 2007

**VIII. Other Business**

None.

**IX. For the Good of the Order**

President Van Dusen welcomed Rodney Craig, the new Village President of Hanover Park.

**X. Next Meeting**

The next NWMC Board meeting will be the Annual Banquet on Wednesday, June 20, at 7:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn North Shore in Skokie.

**XI. Adjournment**

There being no further business, motion to adjourn was made by Mayor Turry. It was seconded by President Krier and approved by membership. The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.