

**NORTHWEST MUNICIPAL
CONFERENCE**



***Celebrating 50 Years of
Excellence in Local Government Service***

**NWMC BOARD MINUTES
Wednesday, March 11, 2009
7:00 p.m.
Crowne Plaza Hotel
(formerly Radisson Hotel)
2875 N. Milwaukee Avenue
Northbrook, IL**

- MEMBERS**
Antioch
Arlington Heights
Barrington
Bartlett
Buffalo Grove
Carpentersville
Cary
Crystal Lake
Deerfield
Des Plaines
Elk Grove Village
Evanston
Fox River Grove
Glencoe
Glenview
Golf*
Grayslake
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
Niles
Northbrook
Northfield
Northfield Twp.
Palatine
Park Ridge
Prospect Heights
Rolling Meadows
Roselle
Schaumburg
Skokie
Streamwood
Vernon Hills
Wheeling
Wilmette
Winnetka
- President*
Karen Darch
Barrington
- Vice-President*
Gerald C. Turry
Lincolnwood
- Secretary*
Jill Brickman
Northfield Township
- Treasurer*
James H. Norris
Hoffman Estates
- Executive Director*
Mark L. Fowler
- *Affiliate Member

I. Call to Order

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

II. Pledge of Allegiance

President Darch led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Roll Call

Diane Kopterski called the roll.

Members Present

Antioch, Administrator Jill Velan
Arlington Heights, Mayor Arlene J. Mulder
Barrington, President Karen Darch, Manager Denise Pieroni
Buffalo Grove, President Elliott Hartstein, Trustee Jeffrey Berman
Carpentersville, Manager Craig Anderson
Deerfield, Manager Kent Street
Evanston, Human Resource Director Joellen Daley
Glenview, President Kerry Cummings
Hanover Park, Trustee Toni Carter
Hoffman Estates, Manager Jim Norris
Inverness, Administrator Curt Carver
Lake Barrington, Administrator Chris Martin
Lincolnwood, Mayor Jerry Turry
Morton Grove, President Rick Krier, Administrator Joe Wade
Niles, Trustee Louella Preston
Palatine, Mayor Rita Mullins
Prospect Heights, Administrator Pam Arrigoni, Alderman Dolly Vole
Rolling Meadows, Manager Sarah Phillips, Assistant Manager Barry Krumstok
Roselle, Administrator Jeff O'Dell
Skokie, Manager Al Rigoni, Assistant Manager John Lockerby
Streamwood, Manager Gary O'Rourke
Wheeling, Interim President Dean Argiris, Manager Mark Rooney
Wilmette, President Chris Canning
Winnetka, Trustee Gene Greable

Members Absent

Bartlett	Kenilworth
Cary	Lake Forest
Crystal Lake	Lake Zurich
Des Plaines	Libertyville
Elk Grove Village	Lincolnshire
Fox River Grove	Mount Prospect
Glencoe	Northbrook
Golf	Northfield
Grayslake	Northfield Township
Harwood Heights	Park Ridge
Hawthorn Woods	Schaumburg
Highland Park	Vernon Hills

Others in Attendance

Maureen Barry, Ehlers & Associates
Laura Berman, Future Leaders in Planning Youth Program
Randy Blankenhorn, CMAP Executive Director
Janet Bright, CMAP
Larry Bury, NWMC Policy Analyst
Kristi DeLaurentiis, Metropolitan Planning Council
Marina Durso, NWMC Program Associate
Mark Fowler, NWMC Executive Director
Liz Fujikawa, CDM
Diane Kopterski, NWMC Executive Secretary
Eddie McCall, CDM
Eve Pytel, Metropolitan Mayors Caucus
Chris Staron, NWMC Program Associate
Jim Tansor, Nicor Gas
Diana Torres, CMAP
Mike Walczak, NWMC Program Manager
Larry Widmer, NWMC Deputy Director

IV. Approval of Minutes – February 11, 2009

Motion to approve the February 11 Minutes was made by President Hartstein. It was seconded by Mayor Mullins and approved.

V. President's Report – Karen Darch, NWMC President and President, Village of Barrington

A. March Membership Meeting Program – CMAP Developments of Regional Importance

President Darch introduced CMAP Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn who presented the revised draft of the Developments of Regional Importance (DRI) process.

Before his presentation, however, Mr. Blankenhorn introduced Laura Berman of Future Leaders in Planning, a program that takes high school students from around the region and introduces them to the planning processes in transportation, environment and housing. Ms. Berman extended an invitation to members to attend the Future Leaders in Planning presentation at the Adler Planetarium on April 23.

Mr. Blankenhorn stated that CMAP has released a revised draft of the Developments of Regional Importance (DRI) based on comments from mayors and other stakeholders in that process. He stated that CMAP went back and worked with a technical assistance panel and the current draft reflects a proposal that stresses quantitative measures over the more qualitative, original proposal. Mr. Blankenhorn requested that members review the new proposal and provide their comments to CMAP by April 6. The CMAP board will review the DRI proposal in May and act on it at the June meeting.

Mr. Blankenhorn also announced that up to date information on the Stimulus package is available on the CMAP website for transportation and other facets of the stimulus package and is geared for local governments.

B. Metropolitan Mayors Caucus 2009 Legislative Priorities

Prior to discussion of the Caucus' Legislative priorities, President Darch introduced Eve Pytel from the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus who made special presentations for Clean Air Counts program. Ms. Pytel thanked members for their participation in the program and presented Evanston with an award for the Platinum level of participation in Clean Air Counts. Human Resource Director Joellen Daley accepted the award for the City of Evanston. Other towns who earned awards were: Bartlett – Silver Award; Glencoe and Cary – Bronze Award.

President Darch stated that the Executive Board reviewed the Caucus' legislative priorities at the February 4 meeting. She said the board referred the education funding reform and regional water supply issues to the Legislative Committee for review and the CREATE issue to the Transportation Committee. Mr. Fowler reviewed the memorandum drafted by the Executive Board as well as the history of NWMC action on the Mayors Caucus education funding reform positions.

The Board discussed the Caucus legislative platform and whether to vote on the whole package as proposed or to list comments on the items where the Conference is opposed or recommends changes.

Motion was made by President Hartstein to divide the question on all votes taken regarding the education component so that he would be allowed to abstain per the direction of his board. The motion was seconded by Mayor Mullins and unanimously approved.

Mr. Norris asked procedurally if the Conference could endorse the full package when there are three areas of concern and whether it was better to oppose the package or simply take no action. If the Board chose to oppose the platform in its entirety, Mr. Norris suggested that a letter be sent to the Caucus explaining the position of the Conference. Mr. Fowler noted the Caucus' requirement for unanimous support of the councils of government that participate in the Caucus before the Caucus can represent that these are the positions of the entire MMC. President Cummings stated her preference to vote on the package as proposed and, if opposed, send the letter explaining why the Conference disagrees with the platform. President Mulder expressed concern that the Caucus Education Funding Reform Task Force had not met in some time. President Krier stated his support for voting on the package as requested by the Caucus.

Motion was made by President Canning to approve the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus 2009 legislative priorities as drafted and submitted to the region's Cogs minus the Education Reform Task Force recommendation. The motion was seconded by Mayor Turry. Under discussion, President Hartstein asked why the Conference would be opposed to the CREATE item. He stated that the Board is making a supplementary request and our position has not been inconsistent with the recommendations of the Caucus. President Darch said that the motion is to vote up or down on the entire package. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously defeated.

President Darch asked for a motion to vote up or down on the education reform recommendation as presented by the Caucus.

Motion was made by Mr. Norris to approve the education funding reform recommendation. The motion was seconded by President Canning and was defeated by unanimous vote, with President Hartstein voting to abstain.

Motion was made by Mr. Norris to draft a letter explaining the Conference position and outlining items where there is support, but providing comments on those items as set forth in the March 4 Executive Board memo. The motion was seconded by President Mulder. President Hartstein restated that the board had to divide the question. He further stated that the board has to make it clear that it is not appropriate for the Caucus to move forward with a position

where they do not have unanimous support. The Board further discussed the contents of the letter.

Trustee Preston requested a point of order to reconsider the negative vote on the package as a whole and go line by line on each of the Caucus recommendations. President Cummings stated that with eleven school districts covering the village, she felt she did not have the authority to act on the education funding reform issue and that it is best left for the education community to decide. Trustee Preston asked for a ruling from the Chair. President Darch responded that the point of order could be considered if there was a motion and a second from the prevailing side on the previous vote.

Motion was made by Trustee Preston to reconsider the previous vote. The motion was seconded by Mayor Mullins and defeated by voice vote. President Hartstein requested a roll call. The motion was defeated 19-4 by the following roll call:

Antioch – Nay
Arlington Heights – Nay
Barrington – Nay
Buffalo Grove – Aye
Carpentersville – Nay
Deerfield – Nay
Evanston – Nay
Glenview – Nay
Hoffman Estates – Nay
Inverness – Nay
Lake Barrington – Nay
Lincolnwood – Aye
Morton Grove – Nay
Niles – Aye
Palatine – Aye
Prospect Heights – Nay
Rolling Meadows – Nay
Roselle – Nay
Skokie – Nay
Streamwood – Nay
Wheeling – Nay
Wilmette – Nay
Winnetka – Nay

President Darch restated the motion and second on the floor to draft a letter explaining the Conference position and outlining items where there is support, but providing comments on those items as set forth in the March 4 Executive Board memo minus the position

on education funding reform. There being no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by President Canning to add the comments regarding education funding reform as set forth in the March 4, 2009 memo from the Executive Board. The motion was seconded by President Mulder and unanimously approved, with President Hartstein voting to abstain. President Mulder further requested to recommend that the MMC Education Funding Reform and CREATE Task Forces meet in the near future to update participants and review issues/projects.

VI. Priority Issues

A. Legislative Committee – Rick Krier, President, Village of Morton Grove Co-Chair and Al Larson, President, Village of Schaumburg, Co-Chair

1. NWMC Positions on Pending Legislation

Mr. Bury reported that SB2011 takes the pension funding amortization deadline and moves it back from the current 2033 deadline to 2049. This bill was introduced by Senator Altoff and has been identified as a Conference priority. Mr. Bury, Mr. Fowler and Senator Altoff met with the police and fire pension unions in Springfield who were opposed to the idea. When Senator Altoff asked the unions for a recommendation they stated that they understood the plight that municipalities are facing in terms of tax levies in 2010 but they were unprepared to discuss such items. Senator Altoff called the bill in the Senate Pension and Investment Committee and Highland Park City Manager Dave Limardi provided testimony as to the benefits of the bill. Some committee members expressed concerns with the bill but they understand the situation that local governments face. Mr. Bury stated that it will require a lot of work to get the bill through the Senate.

President Hartstein requested an update on the catastrophic injury legislation and urged everyone to write letters to the committee requesting movement on the catastrophic injury issue.

President Darch stated that the Executive Board recommended approval of the positions outlined in the board packet on legislation currently pending before the General Assembly.

Motion to approve the Executive Board recommendation was made by President Krier. It was seconded by Acting President Argiris and approved by membership.

2. *NWMC Legislative Days in Springfield*
President Krier encouraged all members to attend the NWMC Legislative Days in Springfield, on April 21 and 22. This year the NWMC Legislative Days coincide with the Illinois Municipal League Lobby Day on April 21.

Mr. Fowler stated that staff is currently tracking over 500 bills and about one-third of them are shell bills. He stated that it may be necessary to move very quickly on some of the legislation and said staff will work with NWMC leadership to determine positions as needed.

B. Program Services Committee – Ray Rummel, Manager, Village of Elk Grove Village, Chair

Suburban Purchasing Cooperative Update

1. *Ford Fusion Contract Award*
Mr. Widmer reported that the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative Governing Board awarded the 2010 Ford Fusion contract to Sutton Ford in Matteson. The new Fusion contract also includes a hybrid option.
2. *Contract Extensions*
Mr. Widmer reported that the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative Governing Board approved one year contract extensions for Parking/Compliance Tickets and Vehicle Stickers.
3. *Thermoplastic Lane Marking Contract*
Mr. Widmer stated that bid estimate packets for the 2009 Thermoplastic Lane Marking contract were distributed. The contract will be bid in late March or early April.

VII. Consent Agenda

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

- Monthly Budget Report and Warrant List for January 2009

VIII. Other Business

None.

IX. For the Good of the Order

Mr. Fowler stated that Representative Bradley is holding regional capital hearings across the state. Mr. Fowler will forward the information to members via email. The only hearing in the Conference area is on April 6 at 6:00 at the Northbrook

Library auditorium. Members were asked to contact Mr. Fowler if they wish to participate.

X. Next Meeting

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 15, 2009 at 7:00 p.m., at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Northbrook. Please note that the meeting is one week later than usual due to the observance of Passover.

XI. Adjournment

There being no further business, motion to adjourn was made by President Hartstein. It seconded by Mr. Anderson and approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.