

**NORTHWEST MUNICIPAL  
CONFERENCE**



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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  
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Streamwood  
Vernon Hills  
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*Executive Director*  
Mark L. Fowler

\*Affiliate Member

**NWMC BOARD MINUTES  
Wednesday, April 15, 2009  
7:00 p.m.  
Crowne Plaza Hotel  
2875 N. Milwaukee Avenue  
Northbrook, IL**

- 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**  
Larry Widmer 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  
Deerfield, Manager Kent Street  
Des Plaines, Mayor Tony Arredia, Mayor Elect Marty Moylan  
Elk Grove Village, Assistant Village Manager Beth Jacobsen  
Evanston, Mayor Lorraine Morton, Mayor Elect Elizabeth Tisdahl  
Fox River Grove, Trustee Duane Figurski  
Glencoe, Assistant to Manager Peter Scalera  
Glenview, President Kerry Cummings  
Golf, President Gerald Daus  
Hanover Park, Trustee Toni Carter  
Hoffman Estates, President Bill McLeod  
Lake Forest, Manager Robert Kiely  
Lincolnwood, Mayor Jerry Turry  
Morton Grove, President Rick Krier, Administrator Joe Wade  
Mount Prospect, Mayor Irvana Wilks  
Niles, Trustee Louella Preston  
Northbrook, President Sandy Frum, Trustee Paul Kendzior  
Northfield, President John Birkinbine  
Palatine, Mayor Rita Mullins, Manager Reid Ottesen  
Park Ridge, Manager James Hock

**Members Present**

Prospect Heights, Administrator Pam Arrigoni  
Rolling Meadows, Mayor Ken Nelson  
Roselle, Assistant Administrator Jason Bielawski  
Schaumburg, Mayor Al Larson  
Skokie, Trustee Randall Roberts  
Streamwood, Manager Gary O'Rourke  
Wheeling, Interim President Dean Argiris  
Wilmette, Acting Manager Tim Frenzer  
Winnetka, President Jessica Tucker, Trustee Gene Greable

**Members Absent**

Antioch  
Bartlett  
Crystal Lake  
Grayslake  
Harwood Heights  
Hawthorn Woods  
Highland Park  
Inverness  
Kenilworth  
Lake Barrington  
Lake Zurich  
Libertyville  
Lincolnshire  
Northfield Township  
Vernon Hills

**Others in Attendance**

Taylor Anderson, Anderson Legislative Consulting  
Maureen Barry, Ehlers & Associates  
Matt Barry, Village of Palatine  
Janet Bright, CMAP  
Larry Bury, NWMC Policy Analyst  
Susan Chen, Village of Winnetka  
Mike Danecki, Village of Palatine  
Kristi DeLaurentiis, Metropolitan Planning Council  
Marina Durso, NWMC Program Associate  
Mark Fowler, NWMC Executive Director  
Chris Gentes, Lake County Municipal League  
Marty Lyons, City of Evanston  
Andy Plummer, RTA  
Chris Staron, NWMC Program Associate  
Jim Tansor, Nicor Gas  
Mike Walczak, NWMC Program Manager  
Mary Wells, Metro Strategies  
Larry Widmer, NWMC Deputy Director

Since there were many new members in attendance, President Darch asked that the members introduce themselves.

**IV. Approval of Minutes – March 11, 2009**

Motion to approve the March 11, 2009 Meeting Minutes was made by Mayor Arredia. It was seconded by Mayor Larson and approved. Elk Grove Village abstained.

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

**A. March Membership Meeting Program – Spring Legislative Session**

Mr. Fowler introduced Taylor Anderson of Anderson Legislative Consulting who provided an overview of legislation currently pending in Springfield with a focus on proposals for a state budget, capital bill and public safety benefit enhancements that are working their way through the process.

Mr. Anderson stated that often there is a disconnect among legislators between the individual bills and the cumulative cost, which can be substantial. He stated that legislators must be constantly educated and informed on how legislation affects local governments and that a greater presence of municipal officials is needed in Springfield to make a more personal connection with the legislators. It is anticipated that significant elected official participation will be needed to influence our lawmakers as legislation advances during the final two months of the spring session.

Mr. Fowler reiterated the need for more representation in Springfield at the beginning of session and constantly working the process. He also suggested putting data together for the legislators, as well as making personal phone calls to them. Mayor Arredia felt that more face time with the legislators is needed to be effective. Trustee Carter suggested that two representatives from each of the councils of government in the area cover sessions in Springfield.

Mayor Nelson stated that they are currently in a series of meetings with their police and fire pension boards in an effort to mutually resolve the pension funding dilemma. He stated that members must let legislators know that if they continually oppose municipal issues and create higher taxes then we are going to oppose their election.

President Hartstein stated that each of the members should speak out on the legislation and inform residents of the impact upon their taxes. He also suggested the formation of a municipal political action committee supported by municipalities that would have a web page, prepare a comprehensive plan and impose upon the IML to act on these issues. Mayor Mullins stated the need for an education process for the legislators on the impact on local taxes of the pension increases they vote for.

Mr. Fowler summarized members' comments. He stated that in the short term the Conference will need member's help as they put out action alerts and legislative positions to members and stated the necessity of members making personal phone calls to their legislators and trying to get more member participation down in Springfield. He expressed the need to put together a comprehensive plan and bring the other municipal conferences and the IML on board to act on specified issues.

**B. NWMC Service Resolutions**

President Darch stated that the Executive Board recommended approval of service resolutions for the following individuals who have served the NWMC with distinction:

- Tony Arredia, Mayor, Des Plaines
- Catherine Melchert, President, Bartlett
- Lorraine Morton, Mayor, Evanston
- Rick Krier, Mayor, Morton Grove
- Rita Mullins, Mayor, Palatine

Motion to approve the service resolutions was made by President Hartstein. It was seconded by President McLeod and approved.

President Darch presented the Resolutions to Mayor Arredia, Mayor Morton, Mayor Krier and Mayor Mullins who were in attendance at the meeting. Trustee Preston also recognized Mayor Mullins for her contributions to the Illinois Municipal League and the U.S. Conference of Mayors

**C. FY2009-2010 NWMC Officer Nominations**

President Darch stated that the Nomination Committee met and recommended the following slate of candidates for FY09-10:

President: Gerald C. Turry  
Mayor, Village of Lincolnwood

Vice President: Kerry Cummings  
President, Village of Glenview

Secretary: Jill Brickman  
Supervisor, Northfield Township

Treasurer: Bob Kiely  
Manager, City of Lake Forest

President Darch opened the floor for nominations. There were no nominations from the floor.

Motion to accept the slate of candidates was made by President Larson. It was seconded by Mayor Mulder and approved.

Election of NWMC officers for FY09-10 will occur at the May 13, 2009 membership meeting, with the installation of officers at the NWMC Annual Banquet on June 24, 2009.

**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 Legislative Positions*

President Larson stated that the Legislative Committee and Executive Board recommended approval of the list of Conference positions on

pending legislation that was attached to the meeting packet. There were no questions or objections to the list as presented.

Motion was made by Mayor Arredia to approve the Legislative Committee and Executive Board recommendation. It was seconded by Trustee Figurski and approved.

2. *NWMC Legislative Days in Springfield*

Mr. Bury stated that the NWMC Legislative Days in Springfield are scheduled for April 21 and 22 which coincides with the Illinois Municipal League Lobby Day. Mr. Bury stated that currently twenty one members are signed up for the event and encouraged members to attend.

**B. Finance Committee – Jim Norris, Manager, Village of Hoffman Estates, Chair and Bob Kiely, Manager, Village of Lake Forest, Vice Chair**

1. *FY2009-2010 NWMC Budget*

Mr. Fowler stated that the Finance Committee and Executive Board recommended approval of the FY2009-2010 NWMC Budget. He stated that the Conference is in solid financial condition and, recognizing the current economic condition, the recommended budget proposes no increase in membership dues and relies on use of reserve funds to bridge a slight deficit between projected revenues and expenses.

Motion to approve the FY2009-2010 NWMC Budget was made by Mayor Mulder. It was seconded by Mayor Larson and approved.

2. *Public Relations Consultant Professional Service Agreement*

Mr. Fowler stated that the Finance Committee and Executive Board recommended approval of the contract with NWMC public relations consultant Steve Brown with a five percent increase over the two year term of the agreement.

Motion to approve the Public Relations Consultant Professional services Agreement was made by President Larson. It was seconded by Acting President Argiris and approved.

3. *Proposal to Invest in CDs*

Mr. Fowler stated that the Finance Committee and Executive Board recommended that the Conference invest in certificates of deposit as outlined in the memorandum from NWMC Financial Consultant Laurie Roberts Hayes in order to attain a better rate of investment. The committee further recommended that the NWMC Board clarify section 10.0 of the NWMC Financial and Investment Policy to permit the recommended investments.

Motion to approve the Finance Committee and Executive Board recommendations was made by Mayor Arredia. It was seconded by Mr. Davis and approved.

**C. Program Services Committee - Ray Rummel, Manager, Village of Elk Grove Village, Chair**

1. *NWMC Spring Auction*  
Mr. Widmer stated that the next NWMC Surplus Vehicle and Equipment Auction is scheduled for Saturday, May 2, in Arlington Heights. Currently 84 vehicles and 40 pieces of equipment are listed for the auction.
2. *Sweeper Contract Change of Representation*  
Mr. Widmer reported that as of December 12, 2008, Temco Machinery, Inc. is no longer responsible for service parts distribution and representation of the Three-Wheeled Front Steer with Rear Dump sweeper contract with the SPC. The newly appointed dealer center by Allianz Madvac, Inc. is the Auto Truck Group in Bensenville, IL. Auto Truck Group is honoring all terms and conditions of the original RFP and is Allianz Madvac, Inc.'s sole distribution representative.
3. *Dodge 4500 & 5500 ST 2WD Regular Cab Chassis Cab Trucks*  
Mr. Widmer stated that the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative Governing Board has approved the award of the 2009 Dodge 4500 & 5500 ST 2WD Regular Cab Chassis Cab Trucks to Roanoke Motors of Roanoke, IL. The duration of the contracts is March 20, 2009 through March 19, 2010.
4. *Diesel Fuel, Gasoline and Ethanol Program*  
Mr. Widmer stated that the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative Governing Board has approved a contract extension for the Diesel Fuel, Gasoline and Ethanol program with Texor Petroleum. This is the first of three (3) possible one year contract extensions. The contract duration will be from June 6, 2009 through June 5, 2010.

**D. Utility Regulation Committee – Jerry Turry, Mayor, Village of Lincolnwood, Chair**

*Electricity System Principles for Illinois*

Mayor Turry stated that with input from local government groups and consumer advocates, the Galvin Initiative crafted a set of principles that would provide local governments a much stronger role in development and implementation of smart grid technology and investments. The Utilities Regulation Committee recommended endorsement of the Electricity System Principles for Illinois with the understanding that these principles would be forwarded to ComEd officials for consideration in their recently launched Smart Grid efforts.

Motion to endorse the Electricity System Principles for Illinois was made by Mayor Arredia. It was seconded by President Larson and approved.

**E. Northwest Council of Mayors – Al Larson, President, Village of Schaumburg, Co-Chair and Arlene J. Mulder, President, Village of Arlington Heights, Co-Chair**

*Northwest Council ARRA Funding Recommendations*

President Darch stated that upon receiving the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding, the Northwest Council of Mayors initiated a call for eligible projects. Nine projects have been recommended for funding, and the Northwest Council of Mayors Technical Committee recommended

approval of the Northwest Council of Mayors ARRA Program as outlined in the board packet attachment.

Motion to approve the Northwest Council of Mayors ARRA Program was made by Mayor Arredia. It was seconded by Mayor Mulder and approved by members of the Northwest Council of Mayors present at the meeting.

**F. North Shore Council of Mayors – George Van Dusen, Mayor, Village of Skokie, Co-Chair and Kerry Cummings, President, Village of Glenview, Co-Chair**

*North Shore Council ARRA Funding Recommendations*

President Cummings stated that the North Shore Council of Mayors received federal funding for Surface Transportation Program (STP) eligible projects as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009. The North Shore Council of Mayors Technical Committee recommended approval of the North Shore Council of Mayors ARRA Program as outlined in the board packet attachment.

Motion to approve the North Shore Council of Mayors ARRA Program was made by Mayor Turry. It was seconded by Trustee Roberts and approved by members of the North Shore Council of Mayors present at the meeting.

**VII. Consent Agenda**

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

- Monthly Budget Report and Warrant List for February 2009

**VIII. Other Business**

On behalf of the membership and their constituencies, President Darch expressed thanks and appreciation to Mayors Arredia, Morton, Krier, Mullins, Morton and President Melchert for their past dedication and service to the Conference.

Mayor Arredia stated that Cook County President Stroger has expressed interest in attending an NWMC Board meeting to discuss the County budget and that he would like to begin an annual interchange of ideas with the councils of government.

President Hartstein stated that the extension of Route 53 has been a long standing part of the transportation agenda and there was a 76% consensus in the recent referendum for the extension of Route 53. He felt that since there is consensus on this issue it is time to move forward with it.

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

Mayor Mulder extended a welcome to all the newly elected mayors and presidents.

**X. Next Meeting**

President Darch stated that the next Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 13, 2009 at 7:00 p.m., at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Northbrook.

**XI. Adjournment**

There being no further business, motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Preston. It was seconded by Mayor Mullins and approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.