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**NWMC Board
Agenda**

**Wednesday, January 11, 2012
7:00 p.m.**

**PLEASE NOTE LOCATION
Oakton Community College
(1604 Room)***
1600 East Golf Road
Des Plaines, IL 60016
(map attached)**

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. Roll Call**
- IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes – December 7, 2011 (Attachment A)**
- V. President’s Report – Christopher Canning, NWMC President and President, Village of Wilmette**
 - A. January Membership Meeting Presentation – Regional Transportation Authority and Metra**

Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) Executive Director Joseph Costello and Metra Executive Director Alex Clifford will discuss highlights of the last budget cycle, the ongoing strategic goals, performance measures development and other regional transit initiatives.
Action Requested: Presentations
 - B. CMAP Regional Tax Policy Task Force (Attachments B&C)**

The CMAP Regional Tax Policy Task Force posted a revised draft report that incorporates some comments from their December 9 meeting (see link below, revised report and supporting documents are at the bottom of that page). Concerns expressed by the Conference were relayed to the Task Force by President Darch but most were not incorporated in the revised draft. The NWMC Legislative Committee reviewed the revised draft on December 21 and recommended drafting a letter to the Task Force possibly followed by a minority report articulating specific concerns. The Executive Board reviewed the draft letter and, due to the January 4 deadline to submit comments, the board authorized President Canning to issue a revised letter to the Task Force. The Task Force is expected to vote on a final report on January 13. These final recommendations will then be presented to the CMAP Board for consideration.
<http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/regional-tax-policy-task-force>
Action Requested: Discussion

C. Cook County Weekend Bond Court Consolidation (Attachment D)

Due to budget reductions, Cook County is moving to close their suburban weekend and holiday Bond Courts and consolidate all operations at the 26th and California location. The Executive Board recommended drafting a letter outlining concerns and potential recommendations for consideration by the county. Staff recommends approval of the letter.

Action Requested: Approve Recommendation

D. ComEd Outage Restoration Response

ComEd and members of the municipal managers work group will begin outreach efforts regarding the new protocols for outage response and reporting this month. The initial event will be the January 9 meeting of Metropolitan Mayors Caucus Executive Committee members and council of government staff followed by individual meetings as necessary. The new protocols are scheduled to be submitted to the ICC on February 15.

Action Requested: Informational

VI. Priority Issues

A. Legislative Committee – Bill McLeod, President, Village of Hoffman Estates, Co-Chair and Elizabeth Tisdahl, Mayor, City of Evanston, Co-Chair

1. Anderson Legislative Consulting Contract (Attachment E)

The Legislative Committee reviewed the performance and scope of work for the contract with Anderson Legislative Consulting at their December 21 meeting. The Legislative Committee and Executive Board recommend approval of a one-year renewal of the contract with a five percent increase over the term of the agreement.

Action Requested: Approve Recommendation

2. 2012 NWMC Legislative Program (Attachment F)

The Legislative Committee and Executive Board recommend approval of the proposed 2012 NWMC Legislative Program.

Action Requested: Approve Recommendation

3. Legislative Brunch Reminder

Invitations were sent before the holiday break for the 2012 Legislative Brunch which will be held on Saturday, January 28 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Northbrook. Please RSVP to Marina Durso, 847-296-9200, ext. 22 or mdurso@nwmc-cog.org by Wednesday, January 18, 2012.

Action Requested: RSVP

4. Governor's Pension Working Group

On December 20, Governor Quinn announced that he will convene a panel to examine the state's troubled pension system and suggest changes to prevent abuses. Governor Quinn appointed Jerry Stermer, a senior adviser in his office to lead the Pension Working Group. NWMC leadership met with Mr. Stermer on January 5 to determine the work plan of the pension panel, provide the local government perspective on pension issues and determine how best to participate on the panel. A report will be given at the meeting.

Action Requested: Discussion

B. Program Services Committee – Tim Wiberg, Manager, Village of Lincolnwood, Chair

NWMC Training Program (Attachment G)

The NWMC Program Services Committee and Executive Board recommend that the NWMC training program be discontinued. Participation and revenues have declined over the years and numerous other organizations offer training opportunities for local government employees.

Action Requested: Approve Recommendation

VII. Consent Agenda (Attachment H)

Items on the consent agenda are considered routine by the Board and will be enacted in one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Board member requests, in which event the item(s) will be removed from the General Order of Business and considered during the Other Business portion of the agenda.

Action Requested: Approve Consent Agenda

VIII. Other Business

IX. For the Good of the Order

X. Next Meeting

The next Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 8, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at Oakton Community College, Room 1604.

XI. Adjournment