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Agenda

Wednesday, March 11, 2015

7:00 p.m.

Oakton Community College

Room 1604

1600 East Golf Road

Des Plaines, IL

(map enclosed)

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. Roll Call**
- IV. Approval Meeting Minutes – February 11, 2015 (Attachment A)**
- V. President’s Report – Elizabeth B. Tisdahl, NWMC President and Mayor, City of Evanston**

A. FY15-16 NWMC Officer Nominations (Attachment B)

Staff emailed the FY15-16 NWMC Officer Nomination Form to the membership on Friday, February 27. Nominations are due back to staff by Friday, March 13. The NWMC Nomination Committee will present a recommended slate of candidates at the April 8 NWMC Board meeting. The Nomination Committee is comprised of the following individuals:

Current NWMC President:	Mayor Elizabeth Tisdahl, Evanston
NWMC Past President:	President Sandy Frum, Northbrook
At-large:	Mayor William McLeod, Hoffman Estates
At-large:	Supervisor Jill Brickman, Northfield
At-large:	Mayor Matthew Bogusz, Des Plaines

Officers will be installed at the NWMC Annual Banquet in June.

Action Requested: Please return nomination forms

B. Metropolitan Mayors Caucus Bylaws Amendment (Attachment C)

The Executive Board recommends approval of the attached amendments to the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus’ Bylaws. The proposed amendments would establish a Second Vice Chairman position on the MMC Board. The amendments also include updating names of the DuKane Valley Mayors and Administrators to the Metro West Council of Governments and the McHenry County Municipal Association to the McHenry County Council of Governments. MMC Bylaws changes require the approval of all member COGs and the City of Chicago.

Action requested: Approve recommendation

VI. Priority Issues

A. Legislative Committee – Matt Bogusz, Mayor, City of Des Plaines, Co-Chair and Sandra Frum, President, Village of Northbrook, Co-Chair

1. Governor Rauner's Proposed Budget (Attachment D)

On February 18, Governor Rauner delivered his first budget address to the General Assembly and called for massive cuts to local government revenues. Governor Rauner is proposing a fifty percent reduction in the Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF). On February 25, the Conference co-authored a letter to Governor Rauner and his staff from Councils of Government across Illinois respectfully requesting that the state craft a budget that does not intercept revenue due to local governments or prohibit actions necessary to balance municipal budgets. Staff will provide an update on the status of state budget discussions.

Action requested: Discussion

2. Public Safety Pension Reform Strategy

Staff will provide an update on work being done through the Pension Fairness for Illinois Communities Coalition.

Action requested: Discussion

3. Legislative Positions (Attachment E)

The Executive Board and Legislative Committee recommend approval of the positions on the attached list of bills.

Action requested: Approval of bill positions

4. Legislative Days in Springfield

The annual Legislative Days in Springfield are scheduled for Tuesday, March 17 through Thursday, March 19. Registration forms were sent to the membership on February 20.

Action requested: Please RSVP

B. Finance Committee - Juliana Maller, Manager, Hanover Park, Chair

1. Replacing the NWMC Annual Banquet and Golf Outing with Annual Membership Gala

The Executive Board and Finance Committee recommend making the NWMC Annual Banquet our premier fundraising event and discontinuing the Golf Outing, which is currently our primary fundraising event. Staff further recommends rebranding the banquet as the NWMC Annual Membership Gala and upgrading numerous aspects of the event to enhance membership participation and sponsorship value. Staff is further requesting volunteers to help plan the inaugural Membership Gala.

Over the past several years, sponsorship support for the NWMC Golf Outing has grown while member participation has steadily declined, eroding the value to event sponsors. The Golf Outing has averaged \$23,556 in sponsorships from 2010–2014. In comparison, the NWMC 50th Anniversary Banquet in 2008 brought in \$23,100 in sponsorships. Shifting these sponsorships from the golf outing to the Membership Gala would improve the perceived value for sponsorships and could lead to an overall increase in both sponsorship revenue and event participation. Staff will provide additional details.

Action requested: Approve recommendations

2. NWMC Financial and Investment Policies (Attachments F & G)

The Finance Committee annually reviews the NWMC Financial and Investment Policies, prior to development of the annual budget, and makes adjustments where necessary. The Executive Board and Finance Committee recommend approval of the attached amendments to the Financial and Investment Policies. Recommended amendments to the Financial Policy include adding a new requirement for the Finance Committee to annually assess the adequacy of each reserve fund and recommend appropriate funding levels as part of budget development process and several technical changes to ensure consistency with current NWMC practices. Recommended amendments to the Investment Policy include adding certificates of deposit to the list of diversification exceptions and a technical change to ensure consistency with current NWMC practices.

Action requested: Approve recommendations

**C. Transportation Committee - Dean Argiris, Village of Wheeling, Chair
NWMC Transportation Priority Projects (Attachment H)**

At its February 26 meeting, the NWMC Transportation Committee recommended the attached list of regionally important projects which will improve our transportation network. The list also demonstrates the need for increased investment in our region's infrastructure. The list comprises road and highway projects, transit projects and bicycle and pedestrian projects including the Illinois 53/120 extension in Lake County; the Elgin O'Hare Western Access project; regional corridors such as Lake-Cook Road; Pace's planned Arterial Rapid Transit network and the implementation of the NWMC Bike Plan. Projects on the list were submitted by NWMC members or recommended by staff from existing plans or programs. The Executive Board and Transportation Committee recommend approval of the priority projects list.

Action requested: Approve recommendation

VII. Consent Agenda (Attachment I)

Items on the Consent Agenda are considered routine by the NWMC Board and will be enacted in one motion. There is no separate discussion of these items unless an NWMC 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, April 8, 7:00 p.m. at Oakton Community College, Room 1604, in Des Plaines.

XI. Adjournment