

**NORTHWEST MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE**

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**NWMC Board**

**Agenda**

**Wednesday, March 12, 2014**

**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. Approval of Meeting Minutes – February 12, 2014 (Attachment A)**
- IV. President’s Report – Sandra Frum, NWMC President and President, Village of Northbrook**

**A. FY14-15 NWMC Officer Nominations (Attachment B)**

Staff emailed the FY14-15 NWMC Officer Nomination Form to the membership on Thursday, February 27. Nominations are due back to staff by Friday, March 14. The NWMC Nomination Committee will report their nominations at the April 9 NWMC Board meeting with election to occur at the May 14 meeting. The Nomination Committee is comprised of the following individuals:

Current NWMC President:	President Sandy Frum, Northbrook
NWMC Past President:	Mayor William McLeod, Hoffman Estates
At-large:	President Karen Darch, Barrington
At-large:	Mayor George Van Dusen, Skokie
At-large:	Manager Wally Bobkiewicz, Evanston

Officers will be installed at the NWMC Annual Banquet on June 25.

**Action Requested:** Please return nomination forms

**B. Small Cell Antenna Model Ordinance**

The working group met with AT&T representatives on February 28 to discuss a draft model ordinance that would regulate the installation of small cell antennas and similar equipment. AT&T will provide the working group additional information regarding their plans and equipment in order to refine the model ordinance. An update will be provided.

**Action requested:** Informational

**C. NWMC Legislative Advocacy Expense and Event Fee Policies (Attachments C & D)**

The Executive Board recommends approval of the Legislative Advocacy Expense (Attachment C) and Event Fee (Attachment D) policies. Currently, the Conference lacks policies for the assessment of charges to members and officers during legislative advocacy activities and annual events (Banquet, Legislative Brunch and Golf Outing).

**Action Requested:** Approve Recommendation

**D. Flood Insurance Rate Increases (Attachment E)**

Wheeling Village President Dean Argiris, at the January NWMC Board meeting, requested that the Conference look into rapidly increasing rates for flood insurance. Staff prepared the attached memo on the Biggert Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act and its impact on NWMC communities. In January, the Senate passed a 4-year delay for implementing the Act. On March 4, the House passed separate legislation to curb some portions of the Act. The Senate and the House must now reconcile the differences.

*Action requested:* Discussion

**E. NWMC Employee Assistance Program Contract Renewal**

The first of four (4) possible one-year contract extensions of the NWMC Employee Assistance Program (EAP) with provider Bensingler, DuPont & Associates (BDA) expires on April 30, 2014. The Executive Board recommends awarding the second contract extension to BDA from May 1, 2014 through April 30, 2015. BDA has confirmed that they would be honored to continue as the NWMC'S EAP service provider with no change in rate or contract provisions.

*Action Requested:* Approve Recommendation

**F. NWMC Surplus Vehicle and Equipment Auction Spring Date and Contract Renewal**

The next NWMC Surplus Vehicle and Equipment Auction is scheduled for Tuesday, May 20, 2:00 p.m. at Manheim Arena in Bolingbrook. Please encourage your departments to participate, and as the weather improves, evaluate the vehicles and equipment that should be included in the auction. In addition, the current agreement with Manheim expires on March 18. The Executive Board recommends awarding the first of four (4) possible one-year contract extensions.

*Action Requested:* Informational & Approve Recommendation

**V. Priority Issues**

**A. Legislative Committee – Jerry Turry, Mayor, Village of Lincolnwood, Co-Chair and Matt Bogusz, Mayor, City of Des Plaines, Co-Chair**

**1. Metropolitan Mayors Caucus 2014 Legislative Priorities (Attachment F)**

The Executive Board and Legislative Committee recommend approval of the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus' (MMC) legislative priorities for 2014. The MMC state priorities include public safety pension reform, protecting local government revenues, unfunded mandates and PSEBA. The MMC federal priorities include supporting the Marketplace Fairness Act and sustainable transportation funding.

*Action requested:* Approve Recommendation

**2. Public Safety Pension Reform Strategy**

Staff will provide an update, including responses to Pension Fairness for Illinois Communities Coalition membership solicitation and progress on proposed legislation.

*Action requested:* Discussion

**3. Legislative Positions (Attachment G)**

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

*Action requested:* Approve Recommendation

**4. Legislative Days in Springfield**

The annual Legislative Days in Springfield are scheduled for Tuesday, March 25 through Thursday, March 27. Registration forms were sent on February 20.

*Action requested:* Please RSVP

**B. Finance Committee - Wally Bobkiewicz, Manager, City of Evanston, Chair**

*NWMC Financial and Investment Policies (Attachments H & I)*

The Finance Committee annually reviews the NWMC Financial and Investment Policies, prior to development of the annual budget, and makes adjustments where necessary. The Finance Committee

has updated the Financial Policy to incorporate the recently adopted Program Subsidization, Rolling Five-Year Plan, Membership Dues and Reserve Funds Usage policies. There were no recommended changes to the Financial Policy. The Executive Board and Finance Committee recommend approval of the Financial and Investment Policies.

**Action requested:** Approve recommendation

**C. Transportation Committee - Jeff Braiman, President, Village of Buffalo Grove, Chair**

*Northeastern Illinois Public Transit Task Force Update (Attachment J)*

The Governor's Northeastern Illinois Public Transit Task Force met on February 28 and discussed reports from the Finance and Ethics Working Groups. The Task Force is scheduled to adopt a final report with recommendations at its March 27 meeting. Additionally, the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus's Transit Improvement Working Group met on February 26 to discuss a position statement on transit governance and reform. Staff will provide an update.

**Action requested:** Informational

**VI. Consent Agenda (Attachment K)**

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

**VII. Other Business**

**VIII. For the Good of the Order**

**IX. Next Meeting**

The next Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 9, 7:00 p.m. at Oakton Community College, Room 1604, in Des Plaines.

**X. Adjournment**