



**NWMC Board
Minutes**

**Wednesday, January 10, 2007
7:30 p.m.**

**Radisson Hotel
2875 North Milwaukee Avenue
Northbrook/Prospect Heights, IL**

Antioch
Arlington Heights
Barrington
Bartlett
Buffalo Grove
Carpentersville
Cary
Crystal Lake
Deerfield
Des Plaines
Elk Grove Twp.
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
New Trier Twp.
Niles
Northbrook
Northfield
Northfield Twp.
Palatine
Park Ridge
Prospect Heights
Rolling Meadows
Roselle
Schaumburg
Skokie
Streamwood
Vernon Hills
Wheeling
Wilmette
Winnetka

President
George Van Dusen
Skokie

Vice-President
Anthony Arredia
Des Plaines

Secretary
Jill Brickman
Northfield Township

Treasurer
Timothy Schuenke
Park Ridge

Executive Director
Mark L. Fowler

* Affiliate Member

I. Call to Order

President Van Dusen called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Diane Kopterski called the roll.

Members Present

Barrington, President Karen Darch
Bartlett, President Catherine Melchert
Buffalo Grove, President Elliott Hartstein
Carpentersville, Manager Craig Anderson
Deerfield, Manager Bob Franz
Des Plaines, Manager David Niemeyer
Elk Grove Township, Trustee Lou Petrone
Elk Grove Village, Trustee Jim Petri
Fox River Grove, Trustee Duane Figurski
Glenview, President Kerry Cummings
Hanover Park, Trustee Wesley Eby
Harwood Heights, President Peggy Fuller, Administrator Larry Noller
Hoffman Estates, Manager Jim Norris
Lake Zurich, Trustee Steve McAvoy
Lincolnwood, Mayor Gerald Turry
Morton Grove, Administrator Joe Wade
Mount Prospect, Mayor Irvana Wilks
Niles, Trustee Louella Preston
Palatine, Mayor Rita Mullins
Rolling Meadows, Assistant Manager Barry Krumstok
Roselle, Administrator Jeff O'Dell
Skokie, Mayor George Van Dusen, Assistant Manager John Lockerby
Wheeling, Manager J. Mark Rooney
Wilmette, President Christopher Canning
Winnetka, Trustees David Abell & Sandra Berger

Members Absent

Antioch	Lake Barrington
Arlington Heights	Lake Forest
Cary	Libertyville
Crystal Lake	Lincolnshire
Evanston	New Trier Township
Glencoe	Northbrook
Golf	Northfield
Grayslake	Northfield Township
Hawthorn Woods	Park Ridge
Highland Park	Prospect Heights
Inverness	Schaumburg
Kenilworth	Streamwood
	Vernon Hills

Others in Attendance

Bill Brimm, Buffalo Grove
Larry Bury, NWMC Policy Analyst
Kristi DeLaurentiis, MPC
Nancy Firfer, Chicago Metropolis 2020
Mark Fowler, NWMC Executive Director
King Harris, Chicago Metropolis 2020
Chalen Hunter, NWMC Program Manager
Diane Kopterski, NWMC Executive Secretary
Erin Sammon, Program Associate
Mike Walczak, NWMC Program Manager
Larry Widmer, NWMC Deputy Director
Lerisa Wilkins, NWMC Program Associate

III. Pledge of Allegiance

President Van Dusen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Approval of Minutes – November 8, 2006

Motion to approve the Minutes of the November 8, 2006 meeting was made by Trustee Petri. It was seconded by President Hartstein and approved by membership.

V. President's Report – George Van Dusen, NWMC President and Mayor, Village of Skokie

A. January Board Meeting Program – Character Matters in Lake County

Mr. Fowler introduced Dr. Mort Gross and Sheri Miller who discussed the Character Matters program which has been successfully launched in Highland Park, Wauconda and Round Lake. Dr. Gross explained that Character Matters is not-for-profit organization which was founded in 1999 after the Columbine High School shooting. Character Matters assists schools and communities to develop or enhance character development programs based on the core ethical values of respect, responsibility, caring, trustworthiness and good citizenship. The program has realized numerous successes and established an annual awards program to honor students nominated by their schools for their excellence in character.

Dr. Gross introduced Sheri Miller, director of the Chamm'd Fund which provides private funding to empower students to become good citizens. Through its grant funding of the

Character Education Partnership, which is a national advocate and leader for the character education movement, they hope to help schools develop a culture of character in young people that empowers them to become responsible and caring citizens. Ms. Miller urged municipalities to support the work of these organizations in promoting character in young people.

B. 2007 NWMC Events

President Van Dusen stated that a list of the Monthly Board Meeting dates and locations was distributed to members prior to the evening's meeting.

1. Legislative Brunch

President Van Dusen stated that the 2007 NWMC Legislative Brunch would be held on Saturday, January 20, at the Sheraton Chicago Northwest in Arlington Heights. The event will begin with brunch at 10:00 a.m. followed by a discussion of the 2007 NWMC Legislative Program.

2. Annual Banquet

President Van Dusen stated that the 2007 NWMC Annual Banquet will be held on Wednesday, June 20, at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts in Skokie. He stated that the date was been pushed back a week so it does not conflict with the ILCMA Summer Conference.

3. Golf Outing

President Van Dusen announced that the 2007 NWMC Golf Outing and Dinner will be held on Thursday, August 23, at the Bartlett Hills Golf Club. He stated that staff would like to expand the sponsor list, and asked members to contact Erin Sammon with the names of potential sponsors.

C. Ruling Regarding Cable Franchises

Mr. Fowler stated that on December 20 the Federal Communications Commission issued an order and further notice of proposed rulemaking that includes specific rules to prohibit municipalities from "unreasonably" refusing to grant competitive cable franchises. The proposed rules would preempt existing level playing field statutes. Mr. Fowler noted that that the FCC has been under intense pressure from the cable industry and the final FCC order is scheduled to be released soon. He stated that the next step may be a flurry of litigation questioning the authority of the FCC to be able to act arbitrarily in this matter, as it is usually an arena that Congress decides.

D. Metra Board Appointment

President Van Dusen stated that Arlington Heights Mayor Arlene J. Mulder is seeking reappointment to the Metra Board. Her appointment is currently pending before the Cook County Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee. The Executive Board recommended approval of a resolution expressing support for President Mulder's reappointment to the Metra Board.

Motion to approve the resolution expressing support for President Arlene J. Mulder's reappointment to the Metra Board was made by Mayor Mullins. It was seconded by President Cummings and unanimously approved by membership.

E. Health Department Mutual Aid Agreement

Mr. Fowler stated that in 1977 the Conference Health Directors Committee created a mutual aid agreement that was adopted by only eight municipalities. He stated that there

has been some recent discussion about renewing the agreement. He noted staff concerns about liability issues and also in creating a document that may conflict with existing state, county and local emergency procedures. Mr. Fowler stated that staff reviewed the agreement and determined that the best role for the Conference would be to serve as a forum to exchange information. He stated that most municipal public safety departments already have their own emergency preparedness plans in place. Staff therefore recommended to the Executive Board that the Conference terminate the health director's mutual aid agreement and the Executive Board concurred with this recommendation.

Motion to terminate the health director's mutual aid agreement was made by President Darch. It was seconded by Mayor Mullins and approved by membership.

F. Metropolitan Mayors Caucus Update

1. Home Grown – Local Housing Strategies in Action

Mayor Mullins, who is co-chair of the Mayors Caucus Housing Committee, stated that for the last 5 years the Caucus has been actively working to address housing issues on the local, regional and state level. She stated that a number of tools have been produced for local officials. Mayor Mullins stated that the Mayors Caucus, in conjunction with Metropolis 2020 and the Metropolitan Planning Council, has released "Home Grown: Local Housing Strategies in Action". A copy was distributed to members. She explained that Home Grown is a collection of housing related best practices from the region which can provide municipal officials various approaches in dealing with local housing challenges. The publication will be updated periodically and members were encouraged to contact the Caucus with their own initiatives.

President Hartstein encouraged members to read the publication and felt it was an asset and a great tool for municipalities to use.

2. Follow Up Items from the December 14 Caucus Meeting

Mr. Fowler stated that a number of action items from the December 14 Metropolitan Mayors Caucus required ratification by the participating councils of government in order to become official Caucus positions. Items requiring ratification were the 2007 Caucus Legislative priorities; recommendations from the Caucus Diversity Issues Task Force; support for the City of Chicago's 2016 Olympic bid; and approval of CREATE Task Force's Advocacy strategy. The Executive Board recommended that the Conference approve the Caucus positions as presented.

Motion to approve the Caucus positions was made by President Hartstein. It was seconded by President Melchert and approved by membership.

3. MMC Dues

Mr. Fowler stated that the Mayors Caucus requested that each of the councils of government assist the Caucus in collecting dues for FY06-07 by sending letters to their members with a Caucus dues request. The recommended assessment level has increased by 1 cent to 3.5 cents per capita, with the establishment of minimum (\$100) and maximum (\$3,000) assessments. The Executive Board recommended that the Conference again forward a request for payment of MMC dues to the membership.

Motion was made by President Cummings that the Conference forward a request for payment of MMC dues to the membership. The motion was seconded by President Darch and approved by membership.

4. Municipal Contributions for FCC Filing

Mr. Fowler stated that the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference, in conjunction with the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus and area councils of government, led an effort to obtain legal counsel to file a response to AT&T's *ex parte* filing with the FCC in May 2006. The response was deemed necessary to correct on the official record before the FCC, AT&T's misstatement of fact and mischaracterization of Illinois municipal responses to the desired launch of AT&T's Project Lightspeed. The law firm of Baller Herbst was retained to prepare the filing, which was submitted in October. The Caucus and the area councils of government recommend seeking voluntary \$250 contributions from municipalities to support the legal filing. The Executive Board recommended sending a letter to Conference membership to solicit the voluntary contributions.

Motion to approve the Executive Board recommendation was made by President Melchert. It was seconded by President Darch and approved by membership.

VI. Priority Issues

A. Legislative Committee – Elliott Hartstein, President, Village of Buffalo Grove, Co-Chair and Karen Darch, President, Village of Barrington, Co-Chair

President Darch encouraged membership to attend the Legislative Brunch scheduled for January 20. She also thanked staff for meeting with area legislators to discuss the Conference's 2007 Legislative Program. President Hartstein felt that these meetings have been very valuable in articulating the Conference positions. He also suggested that members call and congratulate legislators on their re-election.

President Hartstein also stated that at the next Legislative Committee meeting they will be finalizing the date for the annual drive down to Springfield which is tentatively set for the first week in March. He also stated that the details of the RTA funding proposal will be unveiled on February 8.

B. Program Services Committee – Craig Anderson, Manager, Village of Carpentersville, Chair

SPC Vehicle Program Awards Update

Mr. Widmer stated that the NWMC Program Services Committee recently approved various SPC vehicle contracts for police vehicles, administrative vehicles and pickups for purchase by all member municipalities and townships and also schools, park districts, libraries and not-for-profit organizations in Illinois. Mr. Widmer stated that staff is also working on specifications for the purpose of bidding and awarding contracts for several SUV's and heavy duty trucks.

C. NWMC Police Recruitment and Testing Consortium

2007 Orientation and Test Dates

President Van Dusen stated Morton Grove, Northbrook and Wheeling will be participating in this year's Police Recruitment and Testing Consortium. The orientation sessions will be held on June 8 and June 9, with the physical agility and written examinations scheduled for Saturday, June 23, at Maine East High School in Park Ridge.

VII. Consent Agenda

Motion was made by Manager Norris to approve the items on the Consent Agenda. It was seconded by President Hartstein and approved by membership. The following items were approved on the Consent Agenda:

- Monthly Budget Report & Warrant List for November 2006
- North shore Council of Mayors TIP Changes – McCormick Boulevard

VIII. Other Business

None.

IX. For the Good of the Order

Winnetka Ordinance on Use of Cell Phones While Driving

Trustee Abell stated that the Village of Winnetka recently adopted an ordinance which bans the use of hand held cell phones while driving. The ordinance is similar to the City of Chicago's restriction and goes into effect February 1, 2007. They are taking a two pronged approach to the problem of cell phone usage through a public education program and they are also trying to involve other communities to consider such ordinances. They would be happy to share their experiences with other members interested in such an ordinance. Trustee Berger stated that they have had very positive feedback from their residents regarding the ordinance.

Wilmette Update on Emerald Ash Borer

President Canning updated members on the Emerald Ash Borer infestation in his municipality and how they are handling it. He stated that there is a meeting next week on the emerald ash borer and they hope to find out about funding for the problem.

X. Next Meeting

The next Full Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 14, 7:30 p.m., at the Radisson.

XI. Adjournment

There being no further business, motion to adjourn was made by President Hartstein. It was seconded by President Melchert and approved by membership. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.