

**NWMC Board  
Minutes  
Wednesday, November 14, 2007  
7:00 p.m.  
Radisson Hotel  
2875 North Milwaukee Avenue  
Northbrook/Prospect Heights, IL**

- I. Call to Order**  
President Arredia called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**  
President Arredia led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. Roll Call**  
Diane Kopterski called the roll.

**Members Present**

Arlington Heights, Mayor Arlene J. Mulder  
Barrington, President Karen Darch  
Buffalo Grove, President Elliott Hartstein, Manager Bill Brimm  
Carpentersville, Manager Craig Anderson  
Deerfield, Manager Kent Street  
Des Plaines, Mayor Tony Arredia  
Elk Grove Township, Trustee Lou Petrone  
Evanston, Manager Julie Carroll  
Fox River Grove, Trustee Duane Figurski  
Glencoe, President Scott Feldman  
Hanover Park, President Rodney Craig  
Harwood Heights, President Margaret Fuller  
Hoffman Estates, Manager Jim Norris  
Lincolnwood, Mayor Jerry Turry  
Morton Grove, President Rick Krier, Administrator Joe Wade  
Mount Prospect, Manager Mike Janonis  
Niles, Manager George Van Geem  
Northbrook, President Eugene Marks  
Prospect Heights, Alderman Dolly Vole  
Rolling Meadows, Assistant Manager Barry Krumstok  
Roselle, Administrator Jeff O'Dell  
Schaumburg, Assistant Manager Kathleen Tempesta  
Skokie, Trustee Randall Roberts, Assistant Manager John Lockerby  
Wheeling, President Judy Abruscato, Manager J. Mark Rooney

**Members Absent**

Antioch	Lake Forest
Bartlett	Lake Zurich
Cary	Libertyville
Crystal Lake	Lincolnshire
Elk Grove Village	New Trier Township
Glenview	Northfield
Golf	Northfield Township
Grayslake	Palatine
Hawthorn Woods	Park Ridge
Highland Park	Streamwood
Inverness	Vernon Hills
Kenilworth	Wilmette
Lake Barrington	Winnetka

**Others in Attendance**

Kate Agasie, Metropolitan Mayors Caucus  
William R. Balling, WRB, LLC Consulting  
Larry Bury, NWMC Policy Analyst  
Mark Fowler, NWMC Executive Director  
Diane Kopterski, NWMC Executive Secretary  
Chris Staron, NWMC Program Associate  
Jim Tansor, Nicor Gas  
Lerisa Wilkins, NWMC Program Associate

**IV. Approval of Minutes – October 10, 2007**

Motion to approve the October 10, 2007 Meeting Minutes was made by President Marks. It was seconded by Mayor Mulder and approved by membership.

**V. President’s Report – Anthony Arredia, NWMC President and Mayor, City of Des Plaines**

**A. Presentation of Ahrens Cup**

Mayor Mulder accepted the Ahrens Cup on behalf of the Village of Arlington Heights, winners of the 2007 NWMC Golf Outing.

**B. November Board Meeting Program – Metropolitan Mayors Caucus Greenest Region Compact**

President Marks of Northbrook and Kate Agasie of the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus gave a presentation on the Greenest Region Compact, which is a voluntary initiative to improve the region’s air, water, land; reduce greenhouse gases; minimize waste; encourage alternative modes of transportation; and, reduce energy consumption.

President Marks stated that the Compact outlines a number of cost effective environmental sustainability measures to enhance health, safety and reduce consumption of energy, fossil fuel, conserve water and reduce hazardous solid waste and air pollution emissions. The Compact challenges local governments to modify their own operations and practices and to provide the tools and resources to enable residents to adapt their actions as well. President Marks stated that the list of strategies is not all inclusive but was selected for ease of implementation and ability of all communities to put them into practice.

Ms. Agasie stated that this is a voluntary program and urged members to sign on to the Compact. She stated that in March the residential light bulb program will be implemented giving municipalities energy efficient light bulbs to distribute to residents. She stated that municipalities must adopt the Compact in order to receive light bulbs for distribution.

President Arredia stated that the Executive Board recommended approval of the Greenest Region Compact of Metropolitan Chicago by the region's councils of governments and individual municipalities.

Motion to approve the Greenest Region Compact was made by Mayor Mulder. It was seconded by President Craig and approved by membership.

**C. 2008 NWMC Board Meeting Locations**

President Arredia stated that a list of the NWMC Board meeting dates from January through May 2008 was attached to the meeting packet.

**D. NWMC Appointment to the IMET Board of Directors**

The Executive Board recommended reappointment of Skokie Finance Director Bob Nowak as the NWMC representative to the Illinois Metropolitan Investment Fund (IMET) board of directors. The appointment is for a three-year term and. Mr. Nowak has represented the Conference on IMET's Board since its inception.

Motion to approve Mr. Nowak as the NWMC representative to IMET was made by Manager Norris. It was seconded by Assistant Manager Krumstok and approved by membership.

**E. Public Assistance Update for August 23 Storm Restoration**

Mr. Fowler stated that Cook County was added to the Presidential Disaster Declaration due to the August 23 storms through the efforts of municipalities, state and federal legislators, councils of government and the county itself. Mr. Fowler asked those members who qualified for assistance to complete the forms included in the board packet.

Mr. Fowler stated that there has been significant discussion between municipalities that lent aid through the public works mutual aid agreement as to whether they are eligible for funding. FEMA has stated that the mutual aid agreements do not meet their specifications on allowable funding for municipalities that provided aid to other municipalities. Mr. Fowler stated that they would continue to press the issue and get our congressional delegation involved if needed.

President Marks asked if he Conference could put together a mayoral disaster response team to work with towns one-on-one in time of disaster. Mr. Fowler responded that there is a directory that each public works director receives that lists equipment, etc. Mr. Fowler stated that staff would review the suggestion and see if it would streamline response efforts.

**VI. Priority Issues**

**A. Legislative Committee – Karen Darch, President, Village of Barrington, Co-Chair and Rick Krier, Mayor, Village of Morton Grove, Co-Chair**

*1. Streamlined Sales Tax Mitigation Plan*

Mr. Bury reported on a meeting held last month in Barrington regarding the Streamlined Sales Tax issue which focused on mitigation plans to shift the tax distribution from point of origin to point of destination. Another meeting in Vernon Hills focused on the State of Washington's mitigation plan which provides a state subsidy to those towns that lose sales tax revenue. Mr. Bury stated the desire for Illinois to conduct an independent study to determine the revenue implications on state and local governments by adopting legislation to enter into the Streamlined Sales Tax Project.

The membership concurred with the NWMC Executive Board recommendation that the Conference urge the General Assembly to involve local finance experts in the crafting, implementation and analysis of an independent study that should be completed prior to any consideration of legislation that would alter the sales tax structure as required to enter into the Streamlined Sales Tax Project.

*2. Cook County Automated Red Light Ordinance*

Mr. Bury reported that Cook County Board approved the automated red light ordinance and amended it to allow the county to enter into governmental agreements with municipalities in order to implement these systems. He stated that a letter was sent to the Cook County Board regarding the home rule powers of the county and of municipalities. A response was received from the State's Attorney and the NWMC Attorneys Committee is currently reviewing how the ordinance interacts with municipal versus county home rule authority.

*3. 2007 Legislative Review*

Mr. Bury stated that, due to the General Assembly's difficulties in resolving certain issues, the 2007 Legislative Review has been held in hopes of documenting the final results of the 2007 session. Although several of these issues still remain, a draft was prepared for publication, pending any last minute conclusions. The Executive Board recommended approval of the 2007 Legislative Review.

Motion to approve the Legislative Review was made by Mayor Mulder. It was seconded by Trustee Figurski, and approved by membership.

**B. Transportation Committee – Bill McLeod, President, Village of Hoffman Estates Co-Chair and Kerry Cummings, President, Village of Glenview, Co-Chair**

*1. RTA Funding and Capital Bill Update*

Mr. Fowler stated that the governor and legislative leaders are scheduled to meet and are reportedly close to an agreement on permanent transit and capital plans for Illinois.

2. *Canadian National EJ&E Purchase Filing*

Mr. Fowler stated that the Canadian National (CN) railroad has filed an application with the federal Surface Transportation Board (STB) formally seeking approval to purchase the Elgin, Joliet, and Eastern railroad. President Darch stated that her municipality is greatly affected by this purchase and they are requesting that an environmental impact study be prepared. She requested that communities adversely affected by the sale prepare comments by the January 18, 2008 deadline.

Mr. Fowler stated that NWMC staff is reviewing the Canadian National's filing for potential impacts on the Metra STAR Line project as well as traffic volumes and proposed quiet zones along the EJ&E. The NWMC Transportation Committee will hear a presentation from the Canadian National at its November 29 meeting.

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

*Suburban Purchasing Cooperative 2008 Ford Crown Vic/Police Pursuit Vehicle Contract*

Mr. Anderson stated that the NWMC Program Services Committee has approved the SPC 2008 Ford Crown Vic/Police Pursuit Vehicle Contract to Currie Motors. The contract dates are effective October 24, 2007 through October 24, 2008.

**VII. Consent Agenda**

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

- Monthly Budget Report and Warrant List for September 2007

**VIII. Other Business**

President Hartstein requested, that in view of the completion of Route 355 South, that the Transportation Committee re-affirm the commitment of the Conference in supporting the completion of Route 355 North.

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

Mr. Fowler introduced Christopher Staron, the new Conference Program Associate for Transportation who was in attendance at the meeting.

Mr. Fowler reminded members to respond to the online survey which Bill Balling sent to mayors and managers in connection with the organizational analysis that he is preparing for the Conference.

Mr. Fowler informed members that former Conference Executive Director Rita Athas has been hired as the new Executive Director of World Business Chicago.

President Arredia stated that through the efforts of the Conference, the Cook County disaster declaration was made due to the August 23 flooding. He stated that he has requested that those municipalities that spent money for flood mitigation be reimbursed by FEMA or receive a reduction in flood insurance for the residents of the town.

President Arredia stated that he also received a letter from the state with an offer to provide low percentage loans if Cook County municipalities have to borrow money due to waiting so long for property tax money.

**X. Next Meeting**

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 12, at the Radisson Hotel in Northbrook/Prospect Heights with the time to be determined.

**XI. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn was made by President Craig. It was seconded by President Hartstein and approved by membership. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.