

**NORTHWEST MUNICIPAL  
CONFERENCE**



***Celebrating 50 Years of  
Excellence in Local Government Service***

**NWMC Board Minutes  
Wednesday, April 16, 2008  
7:00 p.m.**

**Sheraton Chicago Northwest  
3400 W. Euclid Avenue  
Arlington Heights, IL**

**MEMBERS**  
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*  
Anthony Arredia  
Des Plaines

*Vice-President*  
Karen Darch  
Barrington

*Secretary*  
Jill Brickman  
Northfield Township

*Treasurer*  
James H. Norris  
Hoffman Estates

*Executive Director*  
Mark L. Fowler

\*Affiliate Member

**I. Call to Order**

President Arredia called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

President Arredia led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. Roll Call**

Mark Fowler called the roll.

**Members Present**

Antioch, Jill Velan, Administrator  
Arlington Heights, Mayor Arlene J. Mulder  
Barrington, President Karen Darch  
Bartlett, President Cathy Melchert  
Buffalo Grove, President Elliott Hartstein  
Carpentersville, Manager Craig Anderson  
Cary, Administrator Cameron Davis  
Crystal Lake, Manager Gary Mayerhofer  
Deerfield, Manager Kent Street  
Des Plaines, Mayor Tony Arredia  
Elk Grove Township, Trustee Lou Petrone  
Elk Grove Village, Manager Ray Rummel, Trustee James Petri  
Fox River Grove, Trustee Duane Figurski  
Hawthorn Woods, President Keith Hunt  
Hoffman Estates, President Bill McLeod  
Lincolnwood, Mayor Jerry Turry  
Morton Grove, President Rick Krier  
Niles, Trustee Louella Preston  
Northbrook, Manager John Novinson  
Palatine, Mayor Rita Mullins  
Park Ridge, Mayor Howard Frimark  
Rolling Meadows, Asst. Manager Barry Krumstok  
Schaumburg, President Al Larson  
Skokie, Trustee Randall Roberts, Asst. Manager John Lockerby  
Wheeling, Interim President Pat Horcher

### **Members Absent**

Evanston	Libertyville
Glencoe	Lincolnshire
Glenview	Mount Prospect
Golf	New Trier Township
Grayslake	Northfield
Hanover Park	Northfield Township
Harwood Heights	Prospect Heights
Highland Park	Roselle
Inverness	Streamwood
Kenilworth	Vernon Hills
Lake Barrington	Wilmette
Lake Forest	Winnetka
Lake Zurich	

### **Others in Attendance**

Dave Bennett, Metropolitan Mayors Caucus  
Larry Bury, NWMC Policy Analyst  
Mark Fowler, NWMC Executive Director  
Mike McLaughlin, Metropolitan Planning Council  
Ylda Pineyro, CMAP  
Ed Schock, Mayor of Elgin  
Chris Staron, NWMC Program Associate  
Mike Walczak, NWMC Program Manager  
Kitty Weiner, Cong. Peter Roskam's Office  
Mary Wells, Metro Strategies, Inc.  
Larry Widmer, NWMC Deputy Director  
Lerisa Wilkins, NWMC Program Associate  
Laura Wilkison, EJM Engineering

#### **IV. Approval of Minutes and Executive Session Minutes – March 12, 2008**

Motion to approve the March 12, 2008 Regular meeting Minutes and Executive Session Minutes was made by President Larson. It was seconded by President McLeod and approved by membership.

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

##### **A. April Meeting Presentation – Tollway Congestion Pricing Study**

Mr. Mike McLaughlin of the Metropolitan Planning Council (MPC) discussed the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority's new planning study of congestion pricing on the region's tollways. The study area involves Cook, Lake, and DuPage counties and focuses on the tollways and IDOT expressways. The study is trying to develop strategies to ease rush hour congestion to and from Chicago and the surrounding region. It will not be modeling congestion pricing on local roads, but it will be modeling the diversion to local roads.

The study will examine alternatives to the current toll structure, including higher tolls during peak travel periods coordinated with other improvements such as increased transit service, additional lanes and high-occupancy vehicle lanes. Computer modeling of the various alternatives will examine the impact of any value pricing structure on parallel arterial road traffic.

Mr. McLaughlin stated that they have had focus group meetings and will hold a municipal workshop on May 21 in Oakbrook. He stated that the MPC is seeking feedback from local government officials and others to help shape the study and any future congestion mitigation strategy that may be considered. Members then discussed the effects of a congestion pricing program on their municipalities.

**B. Resolution Honoring Village of Northbrook Manager John M. Novinson**

President Arredia stated that Northbrook Village Manager John M. Novinson will retire on May 2. The Executive Board recommended approval of a resolution honoring his service to the Conference.

Motion to approve the resolution was made by President Larson. It was seconded by Mayor Mulder and approved by membership. President Arredia then presented the resolution to Mr. Novinson who thanked members for the opportunity to work with the Conference over the years.

**C. FY2008-2009 NWMC Officer Nominations**

President Arredia stated that the Nomination Committee met and recommended the following slate of NWMC officers for FY 2008-2009:

President:	Karen Darch President, Village of Barrington
Vice President:	Jerry Turry Village of Lincolnwood
Secretary:	Jill Brickman Supervisor Northfield Township
Treasurer:	Jim Norris Manager Village of Hoffman Estates

President Arredia then opened the floor for nominations. There were no nominations from the floor.

Motion to accept the slate of candidates was made by President Larson. It was seconded by President McLeod and approved by membership.

Election of the NWMC officers for FY08-09 will occur at the May 14, 2008 membership meeting.

**D. Resolution Supporting Chicago's Bid for the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games**

President Arredia stated that the 2016 Regional Coordinating Committee has requested that each council of government adopt a resolution supporting the City of Chicago's bid for the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games. The Executive Board recommended adoption of such a resolution.

Motion to approve the resolution was made by President Hartstein. It was seconded by Mayor Mullins and approved by membership.

**E. Metropolitan Mayors Caucus Quarterly Meeting**

President Arredia stated that the next quarterly meeting of the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus has been moved to Monday, May 5. NWMC Mayors are requested to RSVP to Mary Scheuer at 847-296-9200, extension 21. Further details will be provided by the Caucus.

**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. NWMC Recommended Legislative Positions*

President Darch stated all of the bills outlined in the attachment to the Board packet have passed out of committee and are under consideration in their respective chambers. The Legislative Committee and Executive Board recommended approval of the Conference positions on the legislation.

Motion to approve the Conference positions on legislation was made by President Melchert. It was seconded by Mayor Mulder and approved by membership.

*2. Metropolitan Mayors Caucus Education Funding Recommendation*

MMC Executive Director Dave Bennett and Education Reform Committee Chair and Elgin Mayor Ed Schock discussed SB2288 which advanced out of committee and is on Second Reading in the Senate. Mayor Schock stated that the bill provides education funding and property tax relief, and 41% of the money raised would go back to taxpayers in the form of property tax relief. In addition there is \$1 billion in the bill to pay off bonds for a capital program. There is \$9 billion in federal money at stake that the state has to match or lose the money. Mayor Schock stated that the bill also includes funds to begin paying off the unfunded liability

in pension debt that the state has. Currently the unfunded liability for educators alone is \$50 billion.

Mayor Schock stated that the sponsors of the bill have agreed to include the MMC proposal on fiscal accountability which is a series of best practices that school districts would have to follow. The sponsors have agreed to include a system for student accountability to measure the progress of a school district. Money for higher education is also included in the bill. Mayor Schock discussed various ways that the school districts would receive funds. He asked that the Conference support this bill.

President Arredia asked if the additional revenue for the school districts would be earmarked specifically for the schools and not used for pensions and administrators. Mr. Bennett replied that there is a provision that all the money must be used for operating expenses and the fiscal accountability measures will show how the money is being spent.

Mr. Bennett stated that the MMC Executive Board supports SB2288 with two contingencies. The first is that it be amended to include the Caucus original proposal to provide fiscal accountability. They have met with the chief sponsors of the bill and have drafted an amendment that will be added to the legislation that includes all of the Caucus fiscal accountability proposals. Mr. Bennett stated that they were also working with school organizations and sponsors of the bill on academic accountability and the Caucus is comfortable with the suggestions for academic accountability. Finally the recommendation stated that the other contingency would be that \$200 million in new revenue be provided to municipalities through the local government distributed fund to help relieve some of the pressure on local property taxes. Mr. Bennett stated that the legislators have elections in November and a strategic decision was made to hold the legislation until the fall. The Caucus is trying to gain consensus on this proposal from the City of Chicago and the various councils of government

Motion to place the MMC Education Funding Position on the NWMC May Board agenda for action was made by President Hunt. It was seconded by Trustee Roberts and approved by membership.

3. *NWMC Pension Presentation*

President Darch stated that a presentation to draw public attention to the public safety pension issue was held on March 31 at the Mount Prospect Village Hall. An advance press release was sent to print and radio media, culminating in coverage by the

Daily Herald. NWMC Executive Director Mark Fowler was interviewed by radio station WIND for its Weekend Magazine and an article ran in the Journal & Topics newspaper. Mr. Fowler stated that a video will be created for use on local cable channels.

4. *NWMC Legislative Days*  
President Darch stated that the Legislative Days in Springfield were successful and thanked members for their participation.

**B. Finance Committee – Jim Norris, Manager, Village of Hoffman Estates, Chair and Julia Carroll, Manager, City of Evanston, Vice Chair**

1. *FY2008-2009 NWMC Budget*

Mr. Fowler stated that the Finance Committee and Executive Board recommended approval of the proposed FY2008-2009 NWMC Budget. He stated that the Conference is in a solid financial condition and is seeking a 1% dues increase. The proposed budget is balanced, with expenditures and revenues projected to increase 1.4%.

Motion to approve the FY08-09 budget was made by President McLeod. It was seconded by Mayor Arredia and approved by membership.

2. *NWMC Audit Proposal*

Mr. Fowler stated that the Finance Committee and Executive Board recommended awarding the NWMC audit contract to Wolf Financial Group as the lowest responsible and responsive bidder.

Motion to approve the recommendation was made by Mayor Turry. It was seconded by Mr. Krumstok and approved by membership.

3. *Public Relations Consultant Professional Services Agreement*

Mr. Fowler stated that the Finance Committee and Executive Board recommended renewal of the agreement with Conference Public Relations Consultant Steve Brown. The terms of the agreement and level of compensation remain the same as last year.

Motion to approve the recommendation was made by President Hartstein. It was seconded by Mayor Mullins and approved by membership.

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

1. *SPC Crack Sealing & Lane Marking Programs*

Mr. Anderson stated that the sealing and lane marking programs had a bid opening on April 9. Award announcements and copies of the contracts will be sent to all participating municipalities upon award. The anticipated start date for the contracts is April 23.

2. *SPC Fire Apparatus Joint Purchasing Program*

Mr. Anderson stated that the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative (SPC) Governing Board, with the input of the NWMC Fire Core Cost Containment Committee, approved the heavy duty fire apparatus contracts with HME, Jimmy Diesel/Crimson and Global Emergency Products, Inc. All terms and conditions are in effect from April 1, 2008 to March 31, 2009.

3. *Janitorial Supplies Contract with HP Products*

Mr. Anderson reported that the SPC Governing Board has extended the Janitorial Supplies contract with HP Products for another year. The terms and conditions of the contract extension shall remain valid through February 20, 2009.

**VII. Consent Agenda**

Motion was made by President Melchert 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 of February 2008
- Resolution Requesting the Additions and/or Extension to the Federal Aid Urban System in Glenview

**VIII. Other Business**

President Hartstein stated that members may have received a fax from Mayor Daley's office urging support for the legislative package that includes four proposals on gun control. He urged members to lend their support to this gun control legislation.

Mayor Mullins stated that there is a meeting at Harper College at which President Stroger will be in attendance and she urged members to also attend.

Ylda Pineyro reported that CMAP has sent a water utility survey to the region's municipalities and encouraged the membership to complete the survey.

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

None.

**X. Next Meeting**

Mayor Arredia stated that the next Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 14, at 7:00 p.m., at the Radisson Hotel in Northbrook.

**XI. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn was made by Mayor Turry. It was seconded by Mayor Mulder by membership. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.