

**NORTHWEST MUNICIPAL
CONFERENCE**



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

**NWMC Board Minutes
Wednesday, May 14, 2008
7:00 p.m.
Radisson Hotel
2875 N. Milwaukee Avenue
Northbrook, IL**

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

President
Karen Darch
Barrington

Vice-President
Gerald C. Turry
Lincolnwood

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 7:00 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, Manager Bill Brimm
Carpentersville, Manager Craig Anderson
Deerfield, Manager Kent Street
Des Plaines, Mayor Tony Arredia
Elk Grove Village, Manager Ray Rummel, Trustee James Petri
Fox River Grove, Trustee Duane Figurski
Glencoe, President Scott Feldman
Glenview, President Kerry Cummings
Harwood Heights, President Peggy Fuller
Hawthorn Woods, President Keith Hunt, Administrator Jim Bassett
Hoffman Estates, Manager Jim Norris
Lincolnwood, Mayor Jerry Turry
Morton Grove, President Rick Krier
Niles, Trustee Louella Preston
Palatine, Manager Reid Ottesen
Prospect Heights, Administrator Pam Arrigoni, Trustee Dolly Vole,
Rolling Meadows, Asst. Manager Barry Krumstok
Schaumburg, President Al Larson
Skokie, Trustee Randall Roberts
Wheeling, Manager J. Mark Rooney
Wilmette, President Chris Canning
Winnetka, Trustees Gene Greable & Sandra Berger

Members Absent

Antioch	Lake Forest
Bartlett	Lake Zurich
Cary	Libertyville
Crystal Lake	Lincolnshire
Evanston	Mount Prospect
Golf	New Trier Township
Grayslake	Northbrook
Hanover Park	Northfield
Highland Park	Northfield Township
Inverness	Park Ridge
Kenilworth	Roselle
Lake Barrington	Streamwood
	Vernon Hills

Others in Attendance

Bill Balling, WRB, LLC
Maureen Barry, Ehlers & Associates
Janet Bright, Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)
Larry Bury, NWMC Policy Analyst
Mark Fowler, NWMC Executive Director
Diane Kopterski, NWMC Executive Secretary
Chris Staron, NWMC Program Associate
Jim Tansor, NICOR
Mike Walczak, NWMC Program Manager
Kitty Weiner, Cong. Peter Roskam's Office
Larry Widmer, NWMC Deputy Director

IV. Approval of Minutes – April 16, 2008

Motion to approve the April 16, 2008 Meeting Minutes was made by President Larson. It was seconded by Mayor Mullins and approved by membership.

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

A. May Board Meeting Presentation – Steve Schlickman, Executive Director, Regional Transportation Authority

Mayor Arredia introduced RTA Executive Director Steve Schlickman who discussed actions needed to implement Public Act 95-708 – Mass Transit Funding and Reform. Mr. Schlickman stated that the new legislation helped in resolving their operating financial problems last year and they received \$500 million in assistance for operations without fare increases and service cuts.

Mr. Schlickman stated that one of the most important reforms the legislation achieved was that the RTA must develop a strategic plan to include a capital

evaluation process, performance measures, more robust budgeting and oversight, and administration of free rides for senior citizens.

Mr. Schlickman discussed the proposed capital funding plan which is needed as the system ages and requires maintenance and repairs. He felt that the proposals on the table are well below the level of funding needed if the RTA is to pursue expansion projects such as the STAR Line or CTA Yellow Line extension. He asked members to encourage their legislators to be supportive of a larger capital initiative than is currently being discussed in Springfield so that they can develop a world class public transportation system.

B. FY2008-2009 NWMC Officer Nominations

President Arredia presented the following slate of NWMC Officers for FY2008-2009 for the membership's approval:

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

Motion was made by Mayor Mulder to accept the slate of officers for the FY2008-09 year. It was seconded by Trustee Preston and approved by the membership.

C. NWMC 50th Anniversary Golden Gala Reminder

President Arredia stated that the NWMC officers will be installed at the NWMC 50th Golden Gala on June 6 at the Café La Cave in Des Plaines.

D. NWMC Organizational Analysis

President Arredia introduced NWMC consultant and former *Buffalo Grove Village Manager Bill Balling* who discussed the organizational analysis he prepared for the Conference in conjunction with membership and staff. Mr. Balling stated that the purpose was to identify a growth and development strategy for the future of the Conference. Through a series of meetings and interviews, a broad assessment was made of what the Conference currently does and where improvements could be made as the Conference moves forward. He stated that overall there is a lot of support for the Conference and its programs.

Mr. Balling stated that the review was made in six basic categories: staff development; communications/information development; membership

growth; transportation; legislative advocacy; and, logistics/operations with recommendations for performance in each group. He stated that the next step would be to have Executive Director Fowler and the Executive Committee develop an implementation plan based on the organizational analysis. The Executive Board recommended that the membership accept the report.

Trustee Preston applauded the organizational analysis and suggested that copies of Mr. Balling's presentation be emailed to members.

Motion to approve the organizational analysis was made by Mayor Turry. It was seconded by Mayor Mulder and approved by membership.

Mr. Fowler expressed his appreciation to Mr. Balling for the time and work involved in preparing the report and to membership for their participation and input.

E. Authorization to Act During the Summer

President Arredia stated that the Executive Board recommended that the membership approve a motion empowering the Executive Board to act on all issues requiring approval during the summer recess which begins following the May membership meeting.

Motion to approve the Executive Board recommendation was made by Mr. Norris. It was seconded by Mr. Anderson and approved by membership.

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. Metropolitan Mayors Caucus Education Funding Position

Mr. Fowler stated that Senate Bill 2288, which proposes to increase the state income tax for individuals and corporations, continues to be held on Second Reading in the Senate. The Metropolitan Mayors Caucus has requested that the COGs endorse the bill and needs the support of all its partner organizations in order to take a position on this legislation.

Mr. Fowler stated that over the last few months the Conference membership has debated this legislation and last week the Executive Board recommended that the Conference not support the bill as members had a number of concerns about how the revenue would be raised. Mr. Fowler stated that he had received a call from Mr. Bennett today requesting "that the Conference table the issue until the fall veto session." In addition, it was learned that the sponsors of the bill plan to amend the bill to include a larger capital program which may include a lease of the Illinois Lottery to a private interest. Mr. Fowler stated that this would drastically change the revenue allocations in the bill and affect the dollars to be made

available for property tax relief, pension reform and special education reimbursements. Mr. Fowler stated that the Conference now has more time to consider this legislation and see the final language. Mr. Bennett would like to re-convene the Caucus Education Reform Committee to look at the changes in depth and then make a recommendation.

Mr. Fowler advised members that they could take action on the bill immediately; defer the action as Mr. Bennett requested; oppose the bill in its current form and express that position to the Mayors Caucus and continue to monitor the bill through the Education Reform Task Force. He recommended that the Conference oppose the bill in its current form so the Conference is on record that it does not agree with the way the bill is currently crafted and review its position in the fall to determine if it needs to be changed.

Motion was made by Mayor Mulder to approve the Executive Board recommendation that the Conference not support the current position of Senate Bill 2288 and that it re-evaluate its position in the fall. It was seconded by President Hunt and approved by membership.

2. *Pension Legislation Update*

Mr. Bury reported that the firefighters and police has been placed in a defensive position and forced to go to the negotiating table to work out the language. The unions, however, refuse to take any position and the strategy seems to be to stall out the bill. He noted that they don't like the way the current bill calls for the actuarial study of the status of all the funds. The unions want it done by the Commission on Governmental Forecasting and Accountability who has stated that it is not capable of handling such a request. Senator Susan Garrett's bill (SB2090) has made it to third reading in the Senate.

Mr. Bury reported that the Executive Board recommended that the membership contact their legislators to encourage them to urge House leadership to advance the bill for a fair hearing as soon as possible.

3. *Legislative Update*

Mr. Bury reported that IMRF Senate Bills 1958/59/60 have passed out of the Senate and gone to the House. If these bills pass, it could cost towns approximately \$35 million for implementation. Mr. Bury urged members to contact their representatives.

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

1. *Planning Liaison Scope of Services and Budget Resolution*

Mr. Walczak stated that approval is needed of a resolution to secure UWP funding through CMAP for support of NWMC transportation and regional planning services. He stated that these funds are utilized by the Conference for transportation and regional planning related salaries and expenses. The Executive Board recommended approval of the resolution

Motion to approve Resolution 2008-5 Planning Liaison Scope of Services and Budget was made by Trustee Preston. It was seconded by Mayor Turry and approved by membership.

2. *IDOT Response to Budget Shortfalls*

Mr. Walczak stated that the harsh winter of 2007-2008 has caused IDOT to far exceed budget levels and that Governor Blagojevich included a supplemental appropriation request in his budget address. The request has passed in the Senate but has not moved in the House and could result in service and construction project shutdowns if approved.

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

SPC 2008 Crack Sealing and Thermoplastic Lane Marking Contracts

Mr. Anderson reported that the bid opening for the 2008 Suburban Purchasing Cooperative's (SPC) Crack Sealing and Thermoplastic Lane Marking programs was conducted and that all bids were reviewed by NWMC staff and approved by SPC Governing Board. Both contracts have now been sent to the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) for final approval. Copies of the award announcement, complete contracts and pricing schedules will be emailed to all participating municipalities upon receipt of final approval.

VII. Consent Agenda

Motion was made by Mayor Mulder to approve the items on the Consent Agenda. It was seconded by Mayor Wilks and approved by membership. The following items were approved on the Consent Agenda:

- Monthly Budget Report and Warrant List of March 2008
- Northwest Council of Mayors Surface Transportation Program (STP) Changes

VIII. Other Business

President Arredia thanked members and staff for their support this past year while he served as Conference President.

IX. For the Good of the Order

Mayor Mulder thanked President Arredia for his hard work and service as Conference president.

X. Next Meeting

Mayor Arredia stated that the next Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 10, at 7:00 p.m., at the Radisson Hotel in Northbrook.

XI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Krumstok. It was seconded by Mayor Wilks and approved by membership. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.