

**NORTHWEST MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE**

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*A Regional Association of Illinois  
Municipalities and Townships  
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**MEMBERS**

- Antioch
- Arlington Heights
- Bannockburn
- Barrington
- Bartlett
- Buffalo Grove
- Carpentersville
- Cary
- Crystal Lake
- Deer Park
- Deerfield
- Des Plaines
- Elk Grove Village
- Evanston
- Fox Lake
- Glencoe
- Glenview
- Grayslake
- Hanover Park
- Highland Park
- Hoffman Estates
- Kenilworth
- Lake Bluff
- Lake Forest
- Lake Zurich
- Libertyville
- Lincolnshire
- Lincolnwood
- Morton Grove
- Mount Prospect
- Niles
- Northbrook
- Northfield
- Northfield Twp.
- Palatine
- Park Ridge
- Prospect Heights
- Rolling Meadows
- Schaumburg
- Skokie
- Streamwood
- Vernon Hills
- Wheeling
- Wilmette
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Mark L. Fowler

**NWMC Board Minutes**  
**Wednesday, January 14, 2015**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
**Oakton Community College**  
**Room 1604**  
**1600 East Golf Road**  
**Des Plaines, IL**

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

**Members Present:**

- Arlington Heights, Mayor Thomas Hayes
- Bannockburn, Manager Maria Lasday
- Barrington, President Karen Darch
- Buffalo Grove, President Jeff Braiman
- Carpentersville, Assistant Village Manager Joe Wade
- Cary, Manager Christopher Clark
- Elk Grove Village, Manager Ray Rummel, Trustee James Petri
- Evanston, Mayor Elizabeth Tisdahl
- Glencoe, President Larry Levin
- Glenview, President James Patterson, Manager Todd Hileman
- Hoffman Estates, Manager James Norris
- Kenilworth, Manager Patrick Brennan
- Lake Bluff, President Kathleen O'Hara
- Lincolnwood, President Jerry Turry
- Morton Grove, Manager Ryan Horne
- Mount Prospect, Mayor Arlene Juracek, Assistant Manager Dave Strahl
- Niles, Trustee Rosemary Palicki
- Northbrook, President Sandy Frum
- Palatine, Management Analyst Samantha Peters
- Prospect Heights, Manager William Balling
- Rolling Meadows, Mayor Tom Rooney, Manager Barry Krumstok
- Schaumburg, Director of Community Services Kathleen Tempesta
- Skokie, Trustee Randall Roberts, Manager John Lockerby
- Streamwood, Manager Gary O'Rourke
- Vernon Hills, Manager John Kalmar
- Wheeling, President Dean Argiris, Manager Jon Sfondilis
- Wilmette, President Bob Bielinski, Manager Tim Frenzer

## Members Absent

Antioch	Bartlett
Crystal Lake	Deer Park
Deerfield	Des Plaines
Fox Lake	Grayslake
Hanover Park	Highland Park
Lake Forest	Lake Zurich
Libertyville	Lincolnshire
Northfield	Northfield Township
Park Ridge	Winnetka

## Others in Attendance

Ellen Dayan, NWMC Purchasing Manager  
Marina Durso, NWMC Program Associate for Administrative Services  
Mark Fowler, NWMC Executive Director  
Karol Heneghan, NWMC Administrative Assistant/Office Manager  
Chris Staron, NWMC Policy Analyst  
Mike Walczak, NWMC Transportation Director  
Brian Pigeon, NWMC Program Associate for Transportation & Policy  
Andy Plummer, Regional Transportation Authority

### IV. Approval Meeting Minutes – December 10, 2014

Motion to approve the Minutes of the December 10 Board meeting was made by President Turry. It was seconded by President Levin and unanimously approved.

### V. President's Report – Elizabeth B. Tisdahl, NWMC President and Mayor, City of Evanston

#### A. Governor-elect Rauner's Intergovernmental Efficiencies and Local Government Transition Policy Committee Recommendations

President Darch discussed the work of the Intergovernmental Efficiencies and Local Government subcommittee and thanked the Conference members who provided recommendations to the group's work. She said the governor's transition report referenced NWMC writings on the public safety pension crisis and also supported consolidation of public safety pension funds.

Mr. Fowler reviewed a meeting held on January 5 with Jim Clark, Governor Rauner's Director of Intergovernmental Affairs. He thanked President Patterson and Mr. Hileman for arranging the meeting.

#### B. 2015 NWMC Legislative Brunch

Mayor Tisdahl reminded everyone to RSVP for the 2015 NWMC Legislative Brunch, scheduled for Saturday, January 24. Mr. Fowler reported that 102 individuals have registered, representing 25 conference members.

#### C. NWMC Surplus Vehicle & Equipment Auction Update

Ms. Dayan reported that a new agreement with America's Auto Auction has been signed with an effective date of February 15, 2015. She said that staff was meeting with them on January 19 to set the date for the next quarterly NWMC auction.

#### D. 2015 NWMC Board Meeting Dates and Locations

The board reviewed the scheduled dates and locations for the 2015 NWMC Board meetings. A recommendation was made to change the November 11 meeting which is Veteran's Day to Wednesday, November 18. Motion to approve the

recommendation was made by President Turry. It was seconded by President Levin and unanimously approved.

## **VI. Priority Issues**

### **A. Legislative Committee – Matt Bogusz, Mayor, City of Des Plaines, Co-Chair and Sandra Frum, President, Village of Northbrook, Co-Chair**

#### **1. Minimum Manning “Trailer Bill”**

President Frum confirmed that Sen. Mulroe will be working on a “trailer bill” in the spring, as he promised in November, to address concerns raised by local governments. Mr. Fowler reviewed the status of negotiations on the trailer bill and said further information would be discussed at the January 21 legislative committee meeting.

#### **2. Public Safety Pension Reform Update**

Mr. Fowler reported that the Attorney General filed a brief before the Supreme Court on Monday, which was followed by a series of amicus briefs. He reviewed the components of the Illinois Municipal League’s amicus brief and said that the IML Board also directed staff to assemble a framework for pension board consolidation at their December meeting. He reviewed the status of discussions with the City of Chicago and said that the Pension Fairness for Illinois Communities Coalition will meet on January 26 to discuss a work plan for the legislative session.

#### **3. 2015 Legislative Program**

President Frum advised that the Legislative Committee and Executive Board reviewed the draft 2015 Legislative Program and recommend approval of the document, which contains three themes:

1. Ensure a pro-growth environment that reduces the burden on local taxpayers.
2. Ensure Local Governments have sufficient revenue to provide quality public services.
3. Ensure the sustainability of critical infrastructure through strategic investments.

She said the 2015 Legislative Program will be unveiled at the Legislative Brunch and moved approval of the recommendation. The motion was seconded by President Levin and unanimously approved.

#### **4. Legislative Consulting Services Contract**

President Frum reported that the Executive Board and Legislative Committee recommended approval of a two-year renewal of the contract with Anderson Legislative Consulting. Motion to approve the recommendation was made by President Levin. It was seconded by Mayor Turry and unanimously approved.

## **VII. Consent Agenda**

Motion to approve items on the Consent Agenda was made by President Levin. The motion was seconded by President Patterson and unanimously approved.

## **VIII. Other Business**

President Argiris reported that Wheeling lost two very important people in their community in the last month, former Mayor and NWMC past President Ted Scanlon and current Trustee Bob Heer. He said over 3,000 people attended Trustee Heer’s visitation at the village hall and thanked everyone for their support. He also invited everyone to come to next month’s Full Board meeting as Superdawg will be served at 6:00 p.m. prior to the meeting on Wednesday, February 11.

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


No report.

**X. Next Meeting**

President Tisdahl stated that the next Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 11 at 7:00 p.m. at the Wheeling Village Hall.

**XI. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by President Frum. It was seconded by President Darch and unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:26 pm.

  
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Thomas Rooney, NWMC Secretary and  
Mayor, City of Rolling Meadows