

NORTHWEST MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE

1600 East Golf Road, Suite 0700
Des Plaines, Illinois 60016
(847) 296-9200 • Fax (847) 296-9207
www.nwmc-cog.org



*A Regional Association of Illinois
Municipalities and Townships
Representing a Population of Over One Million*

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
Winnetka

President

Elizabeth B. Tisdahl
Evanston

Vice-President

Jeffrey Bralman
Buffalo Grove

Secretary

Tom Rooney
Rolling Meadows

Treasurer

Juliana Maller
Hanover Park

Executive Director

Mark L. Fowler

NWMC Board Minutes
Wednesday, March 11, 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 7:05 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, President Frank "Bud" Rothing, Manager Maria Lasday
Barrington, President Karen Darch
Buffalo Grove, President Jeff Braiman
Carpentersville, Assistant Manager Joe Wade
Cary, President Mark Kownick
Deer Park, President Bob Kellermann
Deerfield, Manager Kent Street
Des Plaines, Mayor Matt Bogusz
Elk Grove Village, Trustee James Petri, Manager Ray Rummel
Evanston, Mayor Elizabeth Tisdahl
Glencoe, President Lawrence Levin
Glenview, President James Patterson
Hanover Park, Manager Village Clerk Eira Corral, Juliana Maller
Highland Park, Manager Ghida Neukirch
Hoffman Estates, Manager James Norris
Kenilworth, Manager Patrick Brennan
Lake Bluff, President Kathleen O'Hara, Manager Drew Irvin
Lincolnwood, Mayor Gerald Turry
Morton Grove, Trustee John Thill, Administrator Ryan Horne
Mount Prospect, Mayor Arlene Juracek, Trustee Mike Zadel
Niles, Trustee Rosemary Palicki
Palatine, Mayor Jim Schwantz
Prospect Heights, Manager William Balling
Rolling Meadows, Mayor Tom Rooney, Manager Barry Krumstok
Schaumburg, Manager Brian Townsend
Skokie, Trustee Randall Roberts, Manager John Lockerby
Vernon Hills, Manager John Kalmar
Wheeling, President Dean Argiris
Wilmette, Manager Tim Frenzer

Members Absent

Antioch	Bartlett
Crystal Lake	Fox Lake
Grayslake	Lake Forest
Lake Zurich	Libertyville
Lincolnshire	Northbrook
Northfield	Northfield Township
Park Ridge	Streamwood
Winnetka	

Others in Attendance

Larry Bury, NWMC Deputy Director
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
Michael Frerichs, Illinois State Treasurer
Greg Bales, Senator Richard Durbin's Office
Edward McCall, HR Green
Frank Urhna, HR Green
Zach Koutsky, State Treasurer Frerich's Office

IV Approval Meeting Minutes – February 11, 2015

Motion to approve the Minutes of the February 11 Board meeting was made by President Levin. It was seconded by Mayor Bogusz and unanimously approved.

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

President Tisdahl led a moment of silence in honor of Park Ridge Mayor David Schmidt.

Illinois State Treasurer Michael Frerichs introduced himself to the membership and highlighted programs under his office including Illinois Funds, College Savings, E-Pay and I-Cash (unclaimed property).

Mr. Bales gave an update on the Market Place Fairness Act and thanked the Conference members for their ongoing support.

A. FY15-16 NWMC Officer Nominations

Mayor Tisdahl reported that the FY15-16 NWMC Officer Nomination Form was sent to the membership on Friday, February 27 and identified the nominating committee members. Mr. Fowler reported that three nomination forms had been submitted to date and reminded members to submit nominations by Friday March 13.

B. Metropolitan Mayors Caucus Bylaws Amendment

Mr. Fowler reported that the Executive Board recommended approval of the amendments to the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus Bylaws which would establish a Second Vice Chairman position and make other technical changes. Motion to approve was made by President Levin. It was seconded by Mayor Bogusz 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. Governor Rauner's Proposed Budget

Mr. Fowler reported on the status of the governor's budget, which he unveiled on February 18. He said that the budget proposes a 50% reduction in the Local Government Distributive Fund, a property tax freeze as well as no changes to public safety pensions. Mr. Fowler reviewed actions taken by the Conference staff in response to the proposal and outlined action steps the membership can take to register their opposition and publicize the impact of the budget proposal on their residents. He also reported on a March 9 hearing of the Senate Appropriations Committee and said that area mayors, including Hanover Park President Rod Craig, provided solid testimony.

Mr. Fowler also reported on the Lieutenant Governor's Consolidation and Unfunded Mandates Task Force. He said the Conference submitted 28 names of interested Conference members to the Lieutenant Governor's staff and was awaiting word as to when the task force would be formed. He noted that the Illinois Municipal League had prepared a list of unfunded mandates to be presented to the task force.

2. Public Safety Pension Reform Strategy

Mr. Fowler reported that the Supreme Court heard oral arguments today on the constitutionality of Senate Bill 1 and reviewed the testimony and questions from the justices. He noted that the Illinois Municipal League was preparing a framework for public safety pension consolidation and would soon issue the document to the Pension Fairness for Illinois Communities Coalition.

3. Legislative Positions

Mr. Staron reviewed recommended positions from the Legislative Committee and Executive Board on legislation pending before the general assembly. Mr. Norris discussed House Bill 201 and moved to have the Conference oppose the bill. The motion was seconded by Mr. Townsend and unanimously approved. Ms. Lasday requested that the Conference monitor House Bill 2498, which concerns natural gas aggregation. President Argiris moved to approve the remaining recommended positions. The motion was seconded by Mayor Juracek and unanimously approved.

4. Legislative Days in Springfield

Mayor Bogusz encouraged everyone to come to Springfield for NWMC Legislative Days, scheduled for Tuesday, March 17 through Thursday, March 19.

B. Finance Committee - Juliana Maller, Manager, Hanover Park, Chair

1. Replacing the NWMC Annual Banquet and Golf Outing with Annual Membership Gala

Ms. Maller advised that both the Executive Board and Finance Committee recommended making the NWMC Annual Banquet the Conference's premier fundraising event and discontinuing the Golf Outing. She reviewed the rationale for the change and moved to approve the recommendation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kalmar and unanimously approved.

2. NWMC Financial and Investment Policies

Ms. Maller reviewed changes to the NWMC Financial and Investment Policies and reported that the Finance Committee and Executive Board recommended approval. She said that the Financial Policy includes a new requirement for the Finance Committee to annually assess the adequacy of each reserve fund and recommend appropriate funding levels as part of budget development process as well as several technical changes to ensure consistency with current NWMC practices.

Ms. Maller said that the Investment Policy includes adding certificates of deposit to the list of diversification exceptions and other technical changes to ensure consistency with current NWMC practices. Motion to approve was made by President Levin. It was seconded by Ms. Neukirch and unanimously approved.

**C. Transportation Committee - Dean Argiris, Village of Wheeling, Chair
NWMC Transportation Priority Projects**

President Argiris reported that the Transportation Committee recommended approval of a list of regionally important projects that will improve the transportation network and demonstrate the need for increased investment in the region's infrastructure. Motion to approve was made by President Levin. It was seconded by Mayor Juracek and unanimously approved.

VII. Consent Agenda

Motion to approve consent items was made by Mayor Hayes. It was seconded by President Braiman and unanimously approved.

VIII. Other Business

No report.

IX. For the Good of the Order

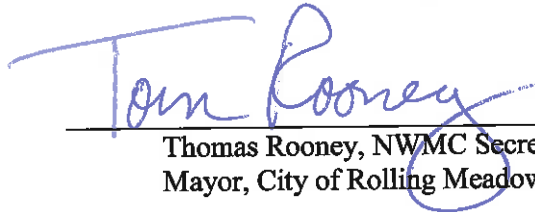
No report.

X. Next Meeting

President Tisdahl announced that the next Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 8, 7:00 p.m. at Oakton Community College, Room 1604, in Des Plaines.

XI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by President Braiman. It was seconded by Trustee Palicki and unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.



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