

**NORTHWEST MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE**

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

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- 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
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*Executive Director*  
Mark L. Fowler

**NWMC Board Minutes**  
**Wednesday, May 13, 2015**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
**Barrington Village Hall**  
**200 S. Hough St.**  
**Barrington, IL**

- I. Call to Order**  
President Tisdahl called the meeting to order at 7:10 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  
 Barrington, President Karen Darch  
 Buffalo Grove, President Beverly Sussman, Manager Dane Bragg  
 Carpentersville, Manager J. Mark Rooney  
 Cary, Mayor Mark Kownick, Manager Chris Clark  
 Deer Park, Trustee Joel Thomason  
 Deerfield, Manager Kent Street  
 Des Plaines, Mayor Matt Bogusz  
 Elk Grove Village, Trustee James Petri, Manager Ray Rummel  
 Evanston, Mayor Elizabeth Tisdahl  
 Fox Lake, Manager Anne Marrin  
 Glencoe, President Lawrence Levin  
 Hanover Park, Village Clerk Eira Corral, Manager Juliana Maller,  
 Highland Park, Manager Ghida Neukirch  
 Hoffman Estates, Mayor Bill McLeod  
 Lincolnwood, Mayor Gerald Turry  
 Mount Prospect, Mayor Arlene Juracek  
 Niles, Manager Steve Vinezeano  
 Northbrook, President Sandra Frum  
 Palatine, Mayor Jim Schwantz  
 Rolling Meadows, Mayor Tom Rooney, Manager Barry Krumstok  
 Schaumburg, Director of Community Services Kathleen Tempesta  
 Skokie, Trustee Randall Roberts  
 Wheeling, President Dean Argiris, Manager Jon Sfondilis

**Members Absent**

- Antioch
- Bannockburn
- Bartlett
- Crystal Lake
- Glencoe
- Grayslake
- Kenilworth
- Lake Bluff
- Lake Forest
- Lake Zurich
- Libertyville
- Lincolnshire

following the May membership meeting. Motion to approve made by President Frum. It was seconded by Mayor Bogusz and unanimously approved.

**D. 2015 Irwin A. Bock Award**

President Tisdahl reported that the Executive Board and Environmental Best Practices Committee recommended that the City of Evanston and Village of Niles receive the Irwin A. Bock Awards for their environmental initiatives. Motion to approve the recommendation was made by President Levin. It was seconded by Ms. Corral and unanimously approved.

**E. NWMC Employee Manual**

Mr. Fowler reviewed changes and updates to the new Employee Manual. He reported that the manual was developed in conjunction with NWMC Labor Attorney David Michael of Gould & Ratner to ensure legal applicability. He said that the document incorporates portions of member employee manuals and policies including those from Buffalo Grove, Carpentersville, Hoffman Estates and Lake Forest as well as the Regional Transportation Authority, Society for Human Resource Management and the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference.

Mr. Fowler reviewed the key modifications and additional policies to the manual including: harassment prevention, whistle blower; employment of relatives (none); employee code of ethics; theft; computer use; social media and time off (including vacation leave changes based on longevity and retention of the current list of paid holidays).

Finally, Mr. Fowler reported that the Executive Board recommended approval of the updated NWMC Employee Manual. Motion to approve the recommendation was made by President Argiris. It was seconded by President Frum and unanimously

**F. NWMC Membership Gala**

Mr. Fowler advised that staff sent invitations on Tuesday, May 12 as well as information on the "NWMC Communicopia Award", given to the NWMC member who donates the most popular basket for the silent auction as selected by the gala attendees. Mr. Fowler reported that \$16,500 has been donated by sponsors to date.

**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. Protect My Town Website and Campaign**

Mr. Bury reviewed the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference's campaign to address the Governor's proposed cuts to the Local Government Distributive Fund. He reviewed the components of the campaign, which includes a website entitled [www.ProtectMyTown.com](http://www.ProtectMyTown.com). He said the Executive Board and Legislative Committee recommended participation in the campaign as well as a contribution of \$1,000 in support. Motion to approve the recommendation was made by Mayor Bogusz. It was seconded by Mayor McLeod and unanimously approved.

**2. Protecting Local Government Revenues Resolution**

President Frum reported that the Executive Board and Legislative Committee recommended approval of a resolution reiterating the Conference's legislative priority to ensure that local governments have sufficient revenues to provide quality public services. Motion to approve the recommendation was made by President Levin. It was seconded by President Darch and unanimously approved.

**3. Legislative Update**

Mr. Staron reviewed pending legislation of interest to the membership. He advised that staff will continue to track the bills and send out action alerts if necessary. President Frum said that a presence of local officials will be needed in Springfield

- Mr. Fowler announced that the first NWMC Surplus Vehicle and Equipment Auction with America's Auto Auction went very well.
- Mayor Bogusz reported on a letter he sent to Senators Durbin and Kirk seeking changes in FEMA's disaster relief funding formula. He said he would forward the letter to staff to determine how best to seek support of this effort.

**X. For The Good Of The Order**

Mayor Rooney thanked President Tisdahl for her leadership as President of the NWMC for 2014-2015 and presented flowers to her.

**XI. Next Meeting**

President Tisdahl announced that the next Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 9, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at Oakton Community College Room 1604.

**XII. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn was made by President Frum. It was seconded by President Levin and unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.



Dean Argiris, NWMC Secretary and  
Mayor, Village of Wheeling