



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**December 5, 2010 Minutes**

The Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC) Board of Directors met at the Kelly Inn in St Cloud on Sunday, December 5, 2010. AMC Vice President Duane Bakke called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. A quorum was present. The following were in attendance:

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

<b>President,</b> Jon Evert (Clay)	<u>X</u>
<b>1st Vice President,</b> Duane Bakke (Fillmore)	<u>X</u>
<b>2nd Vice President,</b> Randy Maluchnik (Carver)	<u>X</u>
<b>Secretary/Treasurer,</b> John Baerg (Watonwan)	<u>X</u>
<b>Immediate Past President,</b> Jim McDonough (Ramsey)	<u>X</u>

**DISTRICT DIRECTORS**

District I	Dennis Fink (St. Louis)	<u>X</u>	District IX	Mena Kaehler (Winona) <i>Alt.</i>	<u>X</u>
District II	Joe Vene (Beltrami)	<u>X</u>	District X	Dennis Berg (Anoka)	<u>X</u>
District III	Charlie Pazdernik (Mahnommen)	<u>X</u>	District X	Jim Ische (Carver)	<u>X</u>
District IV	Paul Anderson (Douglas)	<u>X</u>	District X	Nancy Schouweiler (Dakota)	<u>X</u>
District V	Jack Russek (Wright)	<u>X</u>	District X	Peter McLaughlin (Hennepin)	<u>X</u>
District VI	Gary Hendrickx (Swift)	<u>X</u>	District X	Rafael Ortega (Ramsey)	<u>X</u>
District VII	Tom Warmka (Faribault)	<u>X</u>	District X	Barbara Marschall (Scott)	<u>X</u>
District VIII	Marvin Tinklenberg (Pipestone)	<u>X</u>	District X	Lisa Weik (Washington)	<u>X</u>

**NACO REPRESENTATIVES**

Tony Bennett (Ramsey)	<u>X</u>
Randy Johnson (Hennepin)	<u>      </u>
Harlan Madsen (Kandiyohi)	<u>X</u>
Paul Wilson (Olmsted)	<u>X</u>
Leigh Lenzmeier (Stearns)	<u>X</u>

**POLICY COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

ENRPC:	Victoria Reinhardt (Ramsey)	<u>X</u>
GGPC:	Tom Warmka (Faribault)	<u>X</u>
HSPC:	Toni Carter (Ramsey)	<u>      </u>
TPC:	Jane Remiger (Yellow Medicine)	<u>X</u>
PSPC:	Nancy Schouweiler (Dakota)	<u>X</u>

**AFFILIATE MEMBERS**

Trish Klein (Roseau) (MACA)	<u>X</u>	Patty O'Connor (Blue Earth) (MACO)	<u>X</u>
Robert M.A. Johnson (Anoka) (MCAA)	<u>X</u>	Mark Erickson (Renville) (MACPZA)	<u>      </u>
Lisa Meredith (MCCC)	<u>      </u>	Jim Franklin (MSA)	<u>      </u>
Darrell Pettis (Le Sueur) (MCEA)	<u>      </u>	Ann Busche (St. Louis) (MACSSA)	<u>      </u>
Mark Lohmeier (Becker) (MACLC)	<u>      </u>	Richard Walter (Houston) (MACS)	<u>      </u>
Cheri Lewer (Waseca) (LPHA)	<u>      </u>	Jim Goltart (Le Sueur) (MACVSO)	<u>X</u>
Jerry Vitzthum (MWCA)	<u>      </u>	Bob Swanberg (Stearns) (MAPCED)	<u>      </u>
Bev Wangerin (McLeod) (MAGIC)	<u>X</u>	Kathy Langer (Todd/Wadena) (MACCAC)	<u>      </u>
Robyn Sykes (MCIT)	<u>X</u>	Deb Paige (Washington) (AMEM)	<u>      </u>
Mjyke Nelson (Washington) (MNCLITA)	<u>      </u>	Elissa Lindquist (Halleland Habicht PA) (MACHP)	<u>      </u>

**STAFF**

Laurie Klupacs, Interim Executive Director	<u>X</u>	Eric Ratzmann, MACSSA Legislative Liaison	<u>X</u>
Donna Hauptert, Administrative Assistant	<u>X</u>	Patricia Coldwell, AMC Policy Analyst	<u>X</u>
Joe Mathews, AMC Policy Analyst	<u>X</u>		<u>      </u>
Annalee Garletz, AMC Policy Analyst	<u>X</u>		<u>      </u>
Ryan O'Connor, AMC Policy Analyst	<u>X</u>		<u>      </u>

**GUESTS**

Jeff Spartz	<u>X</u>
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**CALL TO ORDER**

First Vice President Duane Bakke called the AMC Board of Directors' meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 5, 2010, on behalf of President Jon Evert, who is delayed.

Bakke thanked Anoka County Attorney, Bob Johnson for his years of service on the board. Bob Johnson is retiring from his position as Anoka County Attorney and from the AMC Board of Directors. Bob Johnson addressed the board stating he has great respect for county commissioners and congratulates them on the work they do. He will miss working with them.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION by Tom Warmka; seconded by Gary Hendrickx to approve the December 5, 2010 AMC Board of Directors' Agenda as presented. The motion carried.

**SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT**

MOTION by John Baerg; seconded by Dennis Fink to approve the November 22, 2010 AMC Board meeting minutes as amended:

- Note the presentation of the Council on Local Results & Innovation was presented by Patricia Coldwell
- Note Ryan O'Connor, AMC Policy Analyst was present at the November 22 board meeting

The motion carried.

Secretary/Treasurer John Baerg reported that with ten months of the AMC fiscal year completed, revenue is significantly over expenses due to two staff vacancies.

MOTION by John Baerg; seconded by to approve the October 2010 Financial Statement pending the AMC 2010 annual audit. The motion carried.

John Baerg thanked the AMC staff for their hard work this year without an executive director.

**MINNESOTA COUNTIES INTERGOVERNMENTAL TRUST REPORT – Executive Director Robyn Sykes**

MCIT'S Executive Director Robyn Sykes provided a recap on 2010 accomplishments of the Trust and an overview of 2011 program objectives.

Sykes reported that MCIT's retention level remains at 100%; members will receive a \$20 M dividend in 2010 and that annual renewal notices for 2011 reflect a 7.8% aggregate reduction in Work Comp rates and a 4.5% aggregate reduction in Property Casualty rates for 2011. She attributes member loyalty and the commitment to risk management and loss control for this success.

During 2010 MCIT decreased its reliance on service providers; specifically, risk management services were brought in house. As a result, MCIT hired two Risk Management Consultants and an attorney to provide said services.

Other changes occurring in 2010 included the use of Webinars to present the 2010 Property and Casualty coverage reviews. MCIT introduced Regional Risk Management workshops as an alternative to on-site training sessions.

MCIT will continue to monitor "redesign" initiatives to ensure that it can respond to risk management questions but equally important ensure the MCIT Coverage Documents considers how counties are choosing to meet constituent

demands and state and federal mandates. In closing, she noted that the recent election resulted in many changes and that staff is looking forward to introducing the MCIT program to newly elected officials.

#### **NACo UPDATE - Kaye Braaten, NACo Representative**

NACo representative, Kaye Braaten addressed the board and stated NACo is doing very well. NACo appreciates AMC's 100% membership and for the work MN board members perform. Braaten encouraged board members to go to the NACo website and use the services they provide. Braaten welcomed Jeff Spartz and stated she had met him years ago through his work with NACo and it is good to see him as AMC's new executive director.

NACo Board members reported on the following NACo activities and events:

- NACo is ending 2010 strong financially and is forecast to end the year with a surplus of \$495,000, which is \$434,000 higher than the \$61,000 surplus budgeted. Increased revenue in some areas and savings in others resulted in the higher surplus number.
- A membership initiative is being offered as a one-time, introductory promotion to enable non-members to learn more about NACo's programs and services. NACo staff is developing a plan for reaching out to the new members to inform them about the many programs and services that NACo offers.
- Veterans and Military Families Taskforce was established by NACo President Whitley to engage NACo members in helping to integrate veterans and their families back into the community.
- Upcoming 2011 NACo Conferences: Legislative Conference – March 5-9 held in Washington DC; Western Interstate Region (WIR) – May 18-20, held in Chelan County/Wenatchee, WA; Annual Conference and Exposition – July 15-19 held in Multnomah County/Portland, Oregon

#### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT – JON EVERT**

President Evert recognized and thanked the following AMC Board members for their service to AMC and their counties: Commissioner Denis Berg, Anoka County; Commissioner Dennis Fink, St. Louis County; Robert Johnson, Anoka County Attorney; Commissioner Charlie Pazdernik, Mahnomen County; and Commissioner Jane Remiger, Yellow Medicine County.

Evert then addressed board members, staff and guests as this is his last board meeting as AMC's President. He thanked everyone for all the support and encouragement he has received this past year.

#### **INTERGOVERNMENTAL SERVICES REPORT - PLATFORM AMENDMENTS:**

AMC Policy Analyst Joe Mathews reported that the appropriate policy committees will review each of the proposed amendments to the 2010-2011 AMC Policy Platform during meetings to be held on Monday, December 6. The General Assembly will act on these proposals and any others received during the Business Meeting on Tuesday, December 7.

Ryan Erdmann, AMC Public Safety Analyst and Director of MACCAC (MN Association of Community Correction Act Counties) summarized the discussion from the November 22 board meeting regarding AMC's legislative strategy. AMC staff has developed a draft set of guiding principles for the 2011 Legislative session for the board to review and approve. The board discussed each of the guiding principles and advised AMC staff to make the revisions discussed. AMC staff will send the revised guiding principles to the full membership for review and comments. Any member comments received prior to the January board meeting will be discussed at the board meeting so as to ensure that our guiding principles represent the diverse interests and concerns of all 87 counties.

**MOTION** by Victoria Reinhardt; seconded by Joe Vene to adopt the AMC Guiding General Principles for the 2011 Legislative Session as revised by AMC staff. One opposed; Motion carried.

President Jon Evert thanked AMC staff for all the work they have put into facilitating this discussion above all without an executive director.

**FEDERAL ISSUES UPDATE – Dennis McGrann, Lockridge Grindal Nauen, et al.**

Dennis McGrann, Director of Federal Relations from Lockridge Grindal Nauen P.L.L.P. Federal Relations Group gave an update a number of legislative initiatives affecting Minnesota counties.

**AMC'S NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – JEFF SPARTZ**

Spartz reported his start date is December 27 and he is looking forward to starting his employment with AMC.

**MEMBERSHIP SERVICES REPORT**

Laurie Klupacs reported 492 members registered for this year's annual conference and we have 110 vendor booths. The AMC-MCIT Board of Directors' Reception will be held at the Red Carpet, Martini Lounge on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor following the board meeting.

**ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Prepared by Donna Haupert, Administrative Assistant for John Baerg, Secretary/Treasurer of the AMC Board of Directors.

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Laurie Klupacs, AMC Interim Director

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John Baerg, AMC Secretary/Treasurer