



BOARD OF DIRECTORS
December 6, 2009 Minutes

The Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC) Board of Directors met in the Regency Room at the Hyatt Regency on Sunday, December 6, 2009. AMC President Jim McDonough called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. A quorum was present. The following were in attendance:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

President , Jim McDonough (Ramsey)	<u>X</u>
1st Vice President , Jon Evert (Clay)	<u>X</u>
2nd Vice President , Duane Bakke (Fillmore)	<u>X</u>
Secretary/Treasurer , John Baerg (Watsonwan)	<u>X</u>
Immediate Past President , Paul Wilson (Olmsted)	<u>X</u>

DIRECTORS:

District I	Dennis Fink (St. Louis)	<u>X</u>	District IX	Bruce Kubicek (Steele)	<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	Kathleen Gaylord (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	Myra Peterson (Washington)	<u> </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>

POLICY COMMITTEE CHAIRS

ENRPC:	Victoria Reinhardt (Ramsey)	<u>X</u>
GGPC:	Tom Warmka (Faribault)	<u>X</u>
HSPC:	Toni Carter (Ramsey)	<u> </u>
TPC:	Alan Johnston (Roseau)	<u>X</u>
PSPC:	Richard Larson (Kandiyohi)	<u>X</u>

COUNTY AFFILIATES:

Monty Headly (Benton) (MACA)	<u> </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>
Brenda Ripley (Faribault) (MCCC)	<u> </u>	Jim Franklin (MSA)	<u> </u>
Dave Enblom (Cass) (MCEA)	<u> </u>	Dave Rooney (Dakota) (MACSSA)	<u>X</u>
Mark Lohmeier (Becker) (MACLC)	<u> </u>	Patrick Veraguth (Winona) (MACS)	<u> </u>
Carol Schefers (Wright) (LPHA)	<u> </u>	Theresa Anderson (Norman) (MACVSO)	<u> </u>
Dan Wenner (MWCA)	<u> </u>	Bob Swanberg (Stearns) (MAPCED)	<u> </u>
Bev Wangerin (McLeod) (MAGIC)	<u>X</u>	Mark Sizer (Stearns) (MACCAC)	<u> </u>
Robyn Sykes (MCIT)	<u>X</u>	Deb Paige (Washington) (AMEM)	<u> </u>
Jaci Nagel (Koochiching) (MNCLITA)	<u> </u>		<u> </u>

STAFF:

Jim Mulder, Executive Director	<u>X</u>
Scott Simmons, Intergovernmental Services Mgr	<u>X</u>
Laurie Klupacs, Admin/ Member Service Manager	<u>X</u>
Donna Hauptert, Administrative Assistant	<u>X</u>

GUESTS

Nancy Schouweiler, Dakota County	<u>X</u>
Bob Moline, Murray County	<u>X</u>

CALL TO ORDER

President Jim McDonough called the AMC Board of Directors' meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 6, 2009 in the Regency Room at the Hyatt Regency Minneapolis.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION Kathleen Gaylord, seconded Marvin Tinklenberg to approve the December 6, 2009 AMC Board of Directors' meeting agenda as presented. The motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President McDonough reported on the AMC and Affiliate meeting on November 4, 2009. The meeting was an excellent first step in building better relationships between all of the county affiliate groups. In holding this meeting, AMC had four objectives:

1. To bring greater clarity regarding what it means to be an official affiliate under AMC Bylaws.
2. To share with each of AMC's affiliates the Minnesota Redesign project and its goals.
3. How AMC can assist each affiliate association in meeting the needs of their members.
4. To stress the need for AMC and our affiliates to share legislative agendas and coordinate legislative efforts.

McDonough thanked the Board for their support and enjoyed the opportunity to serve as president of AMC.

SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT

MOTION by John Baerg, seconded by Rafael Ortega to approve the October 2, 2009 AMC Board of Directors' meeting minutes as presented. The motion carried.

MOTION by Victoria Reinhardt, seconded by Paul Anderson to approve the November 2009 Financial Statement pending AMC 2009 annual audit. The motion carried.

Secretary/Treasurer John Baerg reported that the finances of the Association of Minnesota Counties are in good condition. As part the 2008 Annual Audit, the auditor cited the excellence of AMC's fiscal condition and outstanding assistance that he received from the AMC Accountant and the AMC Audit committee. The auditor cited that AMC is operating in the Black, that there were no areas that needed to be adjusted and that there were no warnings in his management letter to the Board of Directors. Baerg reported that with ten months of the AMC fiscal year completed, the budget is following the normal pattern of running a deficit until after the AMC Annual Conference. It was noted that this year's deficit is slight higher than normal and that there is a possibility that the Association will have a small deficit at the end of the year that will be covered by the use of AMC reserves.

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

Dennis McGrann and Megan Knight from Lockridge Grindal Nauen P.L.L.P. Federal Relations Group updated the Board on a number of legislative initiatives affecting Minnesota counties.

MINNESOTA COUNTIES INSURANCE TRUST REPORT – Executive Director Robyn Sykes

Executive Director Robyn Sykes provided a recap on activities to MCIT.

During the 2009 MCIT Annual Meeting, members will be asked to vote on changing the name of the Minnesota Counties Insurance Trust to the Minnesota Counties Intergovernmental Trust. The name change is intended to reflect and emphasize that MCIT is a member service organization created by counties and made available to other public entities through an intergovernmental joint powers agreement, and that it is not an insurance company. Even with a name change, our fundamentals will remain the same. The MCIT will remain the MCIT; dedicated to being a member service organization that provides risk control services and long-term rate stability to counties and associated members of Minnesota.

In November, Meadowbrook Program Manager Steve Nelson has joined MCIT as Deputy Director. Nelson's experience in claims administration, underwriting and knowledge concerning MCIT members well equips him for his new position. Nelson has exhibited a strong commitment to serving the members of MCIT.

MCIT will also make greater use of technology in 2010 to reduce travel costs, redirect "windshield time" to other efforts and offer members more convenient access to information. For example, members will have the ability to give, receive and discuss information through a webinar. Changes like this will ultimately provide MCIT increased capacity to develop and deliver value added services that will benefit members.

NACo UPDATE

NACo Board members reported on NACo activities and events.

Kandiyohi County Commissioner Harlan Madsen suggested to Board members to make a concerted effort to visit counties that are not renewing their NACo membership. Madsen requested the AMC executive director to send a letter to all county members, on behalf of NACo, encouraging counties to review the substantial benefits offered by the organization.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL SERVICES REPORT

IGS Manager, Scott Simmons, reported that the appropriate policy committee(s) will review each of the proposed amendments to the 2009-2010 AMC Policy Platform during meetings to be held on Monday, December 7. The General Assembly will act these proposals and any others received during the Business Meeting on Tuesday, December 8.

Scott Simmons presented a summary of the six pending court cases on appeal that AMC is participating in as an amicus or "friend of the court." He noted that this is likely the largest number of cases that AMC has participated in at any one time. In addition, he commented on a recently issued state Supreme Court case that held that counties cannot charge offenders for jail boarding costs for time served prior to conviction.

Simmons reviewed the constitutional amendment proposed by Governor Pawlenty regarding state budgeting: *Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to require that state government general fund expenditures be limited to the amount of actual general fund revenues received by the state in the previous two-year budget period?* The Board reviewed and adopted a position statement opposing the proposed amendment.

ADMINISTRATIVE/MEMBER SERVICES REPORT – Laurie Klupacs

Klupacs reported all 117 vendor booths have sold and approximately 500+members have registered for the annual conference to date.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Mulder gave a presentation on the state of economy and Redesign.

ADJOURN

Board of Directors meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Prepared by Donna Haupert, for John Baerg, Secretary/Treasurer of the AMC Board of Directors, at the direction of Jim Mulder, AMC Executive Director.

James A. Mulder, AMC Executive Director

John Baerg, AMC Secretary/Treasurer