



BOARD OF DIRECTORS Minutes

Executive Board Meeting
May 31, 2018
Arrowwood Lodge at Brainerd Lakes
Baxter, MN

Members in Attendance:

Pam Flitter, Martin Co. (President)	Kyle Krier, Pipestone Co. (D)
John Biren, Lyon Co. (Vice President)	Terry Neff, Aitkin Co. (B)
Laine Sletta, Brown Co. (E)	Mandy Landkamer, Nicollet Co. (E)
Angie Lipelt, Mower Co. (Treasurer)	Josh Johnston, Marshall Co. (A)
Jean Christoffels, Murray Co. (D)	Dave Rush, Douglas Co. (C)
Dale Oolman, Steele Co., (F)	Kyle Krier, Pipestone Co. (D)

Members Absent:

Jennifer Breberg, Lac qui Parle Co. (Secretary)

Others in Attendance

Tim Nelson, Cook Co.
Jennifer Berquam, AMC
Ben Baglio, AMC

Call to Order-

Attendance Roll Call-Quorum

Approval of Agenda – Add “Past Presidents Plaque” discussion to New Business.
MSP: Terry N. / Angie L.

Approval of Minutes from April 6, 2018. One correction (John Biren there by phone)
MSP: Jean C. / Terry N.

Treasurer’s Report – Angie Lipelt

- \$6057.49 in Checking, \$22,161.05 in Savings.
- Fall conference expenses that were paid in advance in January (\$8500) came from savings, but \$5000 has gone back in as membership dues payments have come in.
- Two more deposits forthcoming, along with any other memberships that should still be coming in. A couple remaining counties still left to pay for 2017 fall conference fees (Angie is following up).

- 79 paid members up to this point, which is down from the 83 of last year, though that number should be going up as Angie connects with some of those counties/previous members. Additionally, MACPZA has over 40 affiliate members this year, including many new individuals from counties who were already member counties.

Approval of the Treasurer's Report;

MSP: Terry N. / Josh J.

Approval of the Audit Report;

MSP: Josh J. / Jean Christoffels

Approval of Payment for Roger Reinert

MSP: Jean C. / Terry N.

Old Business

2018 Spring Conference – Professional Development Committee

- Tim Nelson, Professional Development Committee Chair, and Ben Baglio, AMC staff, each reported on some of the logistics around the spring training and legislative update.
- 44 registered in advance of the training, which is about what was expected based on last year's attendance.

2018 Annual Conference Update – Mandy Landkamer

- Mandy passed out a draft agenda, financial information and a budget for the conference, as well as information on other organizations' conference fees in comparison to MACPZA.
- Recommendation is a \$200 fee in order to cover the costs of the venue in Chaska, with the idea that attendance may be a little higher than some in the past. There will also be a slightly higher fee price for those who register after the deadline, which has been done in the past.

Approval of the 2018 Annual Conference Budget

MSP: Terry N. / Josh J.

New Business

Nominating Committee

- John Biren, Jean Christoffels, and Kyle Krier volunteered to meet as this year's nominating committee, with John serving as the chair/convener.

Approval: Josh J. / Tim N.

Budget Committee

Approval: Dave R. / Jean C.

Award Nomination Requests

- Pam will connect with Jen Breberg about sending out award nomination request soon.

Professional Development Committee

- Tim Nelson, the Professional Development Committee Chair, noted some of the difficulties that have arisen when it comes to the committee, primarily a shortage of input from membership to help plan events or trainings. Most of the planning and logistical work that went into this year's training was done by Tim and Ben Baglio.
- There was conversation about District Representatives taking the subject back to their districts to talk about membership to the committee, and possibly reassessing the committee's goals or the way it is structured.

Update on BWSR Soil Loss

- There was a discussion on the issue of soil loss and soil loss ordinances, which has not been a major issue in most counties but changes to the Buffer Law included language that stated only counties who had passed a soil loss ordinance would be impacted.
- BWSR has viewed this as meaning the Buffer Law is enforceable statewide, although there exists some confusion because there are numerous language inconsistencies regarding repealed language referencing counties who have soil loss ordinances in place.
- Agriculture Policy bill vetoed largely because of the soil loss language.
- There was conversation about counties having to make decisions regarding to enforcement, similar to buffers.
- Members talked about how helpful it would be if BWSR performed a lot of the planning work with watershed districts and SWCDs.
- No appropriations for soil loss/wetland banking has been frustrating, which is what evidently needs to happen prior to rule-making.
- Many in the group recommended that BWSR should work with SWCDs to do the planning and figure out what needs to be done to incentivize landowners to make changes.

AMC Update

- MACPZA's contract with AMC will be up at the end of the year. Jennifer will work with Pam to make sure another is signed by the end of the year.
- Jennifer will encourage any Planning Commission members who have questions to work with their staff to post on the MACPZA Message Board.
- The MACPZA Buffer Survey results were distributed and discussed briefly.
- The Legislative Update document, which will also be distributed at the training, was discussed. Jennifer highlighted some of the most pertinent items for planning & zoning administrators.
- Ben Baglio noted that he will be in contact with members of the Board to discuss revamping the MACPZA Zoning Survey for 2018. Ultimately, he would like to rework the survey so that it takes less time to complete and includes questions that may not have been included up to this point but would be useful for members.

MACPZA Committee Reports

Legislative Committee – Jean Christoffels (Committee Chair)

- Will be meeting in June or July. Legislative platform suggestions for 2019 are now being accepted.

Professional Development Committee – Tim Nelson (Committee Chair)

- Tim urged members of the Board to reach out to other members in their districts and promote involvement on the Professional Development Committee. Members noted the value in having a group dedicated to the topic, but there are conversations to be had going forward about how to most effectively structure it.

By-Laws Committee – Josh Johnston (Committee Chair)

- Nothing to report.

Other Committee Reports

SSTS Advisory & SIETF – Terry Neff

- No Report.
- There was some discussion about the MPCA letter from Commissioner Linc Stine and Jeffery Peterson regarding the comments MACPZA submitted on SSTS Certification, and it was noted that there would likely be ample discussion on the certification program tomorrow.

Other Business

- Past Presidents Plaque: It has been recommended that MACPZA create a plaque for Past Presidents who have served in the past, with the current President keeping it in their possession until the end of their term. Josh also

recommended that a list of the Past Presidents be made available online. Angie L. volunteered to order the plaque, should the Board decide to purchase it.

Motion to purchase plaque: Dave R. / Dale O.

Adjourn:

MSP: Dave R./ Terry N.

Next Meeting will be at 10:00 am, August 3, 2018, at Territory Golf Course/Coyote Moon Grille in St. Cloud.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ben Baglio, AMC
Acting Secretary