



MACPZA Board Meeting

Thursday, June 1, 2023

Arrowood Resort and Conference Center

Minutes

Attendance:

Board of Directors

- ☒ President: Garry Johanson
- ☒ Vice President: Kristi Gross
- ☒ Treasurer: Eric Hartman
- ☒ Secretary: Angie Berg
- ☐ Past President & Legislative Chair: Angie Lipelt

District Representatives

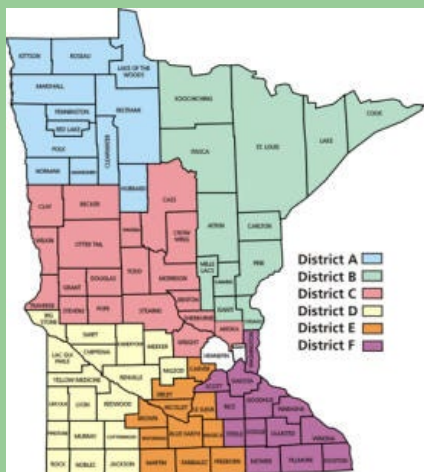
- ☒ District A: Dan Heckt
- ☒ District B: Tim Nelson
- ☒ District C: Amy Kowalzek
- ☒ District D: Kyle Krier
- ☐ District E: Pam Flitter
- ☒ District F: Dale Oolman

District Alternates

- ☐ District A: Eric Buitenwerf
- ☐ District B: Trina Bergloff
- ☐ District C: Dave Rush
- ☐ District D: Darren Wilke
- ☒ District E: Robert Santaella
- ☐ District F: Samantha Pierret

Association of Minnesota Counties

- ☒ Brian Martinson
- ☒ Becky Accettura



Call to Order- President Johanson

Attendance Roll Call- Secretary Berg

Attendance was taken. Quorum of voting members met. Others in attendance:

Brian Martinson, AMC
Becky Accettura, AMC
Robert Santaella, Brown County and District E Alternate
Kurt Casavan, Red Lake County
Jean Christoffels, Murray County

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve as printed. MSP: Eric/Angie B.

Approval of Minutes: April 7, 2023

Motion to approve minutes. MSP: Kristi/Tim

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Hartman

- YTD Checking/Savings Account: Checking is \$4,212.10; Savings is \$37,350.63.
- We are current with AMC Dues
- Membership Report: 79 voting members; 36 associate members

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report. MSP: Angie/Amy

Eric received a request for a refund or partial refund for the spring conference. A member is only allowed to attend one day and had signed up for two. The Board authorized a full refund. Going forward the Board authorizes the Treasurer to issue full refunds provided one week's notice is given.

Treasurer and VP will present a draft budget for the August Board Meeting.

Notice needs to be sent by Secretary Berg after the first of July to obtain a list of retirees. Treasurer Hartman will take care of ordering the plaques.

The Board discussed if awards should be given before or after retirement. A decision was made that members that have retired in the last year, in addition to members retiring before the next conference will be recognized at the conference. This practice will continue in the future. MSP: Kristi/Tim

VP Gross shared samples of the 50th Anniversary Swag. President Johanson shared the sweatshirt and the cups. Samples are available and another email will be sent with an order form.

Old Business

Spring Conference. Dave Rush is finalizing last minute details.

Fall Conference-Jean Christoffels

- 50th year conference set for October 11-13 at Grandview Lodge
- Contract signed and down payment submitted
- Potential topics: MNDOT, demographer green cemetery, OSHA/SHPO, State Climatologist, cannabis, history of MACZPA from Terry and Bill
- Special instructions will be given for room reservations. There are multiple room cabins with individual bedrooms and bathrooms. Members sharing lodging need to indicate names at the time of booking. The lodging email instructions will be sent in a couple weeks.

The cost of registration is approved at \$250. MSP: Tim/Eric

New Business

Email distribution list: Some members have reported not receiving emails from AMC. Treasurer Hartman and AMC share and update emails throughout the year. The lists have been reconciled. AMC emails are often sent from MailChimp and may be in junk mail. Treasurer Hartman will share his list with AMC and Secretary Berg. Secretary Berg will send a list to District representatives asking each representative to confirm accuracy of the list and email addresses. Any changes will be sent to Treasure Hartman and he will share with Becky at AMC.

AMC Updates – Brian Martinson

Supreme court decisions

- Itasca County case- marketable title act.
<https://minnlawyer.com/2023/04/11/public-may-use-land-bordering-lake-justices-rule/>
- Tyler vs Hennepin- will impact tax forfeited properties

Legislative Update

- Finished on time for the first time since 2013
- Largest state budget in MN history at \$17 billion
- Prohibition on green burials until 2025
- AMC has gathered ordinance language and examples of cannabis rules in other states. The soon to be created Office of Cannabis will be working with local government. Retail licenses won't be issued by the state until the first quarter of 2025. Local controls cannot prohibit retail sales but can enact rules that regulate the time/place/manner. Counties can decide to allow more but cannot limit it to less than 1/12,000 population, including cities. Setbacks from schools, churches, etc. with or without a moratorium- interim ordinance applicable to all or some of its jurisdiction. Interim ordinances are allowed until 1/1/2025.
- \$80 million in new county program aid; \$20 million in increase PILT payments; One time NRBG and county feedlot for the next biennial. SSTS will see a modest increase at \$2500/county increase.
- Deer farms. Oversight went to DNR from BAH. New requirements on fencing, importation, liability.
- Environmental justice laws related to air and solid waste for the 7 county metro and cities of the first class. Tribal areas will have the option to opt-in.
- Study on zero-waste initiate. 2 year study to develop recommendations to achieve a 90% reduction based on 2021 numbers by 2045.
- Leases for tax forfeited lands changed
- Solar end of life study will continue from MPCA
- Community solar- Omnibus bill. Changing from 1M to 5MW
- 3% increase from solid waste transfer funds to SCORE
- Increase in noxious weed grants
- Legacy bill: comp watershed implementation grants
- Increase in SSTS and low income grant program. 50% increase in what they had for grant program before. \$40,000 cap is eliminated.
- Becky accepted a position at the City of Minneapolis and will be leaving AMC.

MACPZA Committee Reports

- Legislative Committee – No meeting. They will meet for priorities and platform updates this summer in preparation for the annual conference.
- Professional Development Committee – They have been meeting to plan the summer conference.
- By-Laws Committee – Josh Johnston formally served. A replacement must be found. No recent meetings.

Other Committee Reports-no recent meetings

- SSTS Advisory – Scheduled to meet next week. Meeting was cancelled.
- SIETF – Dan Hecht. Four scheduled meetings per year with the option of cancelling based on need and agenda. Typically we've had one in-person meeting per year and one more remotely with others cancelled. Agendas are open to all SSTS related topics and sometimes dig deep into those topics.
- DNR shoreland rules/Township Guidance Document-Kristi Gross. Still waiting to hear back from DNR on a meeting with cities.

Discussion

Solar and floodplain. Kyle stated the DNR has a floodplain fact sheet stating it's acceptable to allow solar in the floodplain. Many responded that their ordinance allows this as well. Some did not.

Other Business

None

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn. MSP: Amy/Tim

Next Meeting: August 4th, 2023 10am Stearns County Service Center