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Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes

MCCA Offices, April 10, 2019

I. Call to Order, Introductions, Attendance and Pledge of Allegiance

Vice President Amy Fowler called the meeting to order at approximately 10:25 a.m. following the MCCA Risk Pool meeting. Attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance and all present introduced themselves.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: *Androscoggin* – Manager Larry Post; *Aroostook* – Comm. Norman Fournier; *Hancock* – Admin. Scott Adkins proxy for Comm. William Clark; *Kennebec* – Admin. Bob Devlin proxy for Comm. George Jabar; *Knox* – Comm. Sharyn Pohlman; *Lincoln* – Comm. William Blodgett; *Penobscot* – Comm. Peter Baldacci; *Sagadahoc* – Comm. Brian Hobart; *Waldo* – Comm. Amy Fowler; and *York* – Comm. Michael Cote.

OTHERS PRESENT: *Cumberland* – Public Affairs Dir. Travis Kennedy; *Lincoln* – Admin. Carrie Kipfer; *Sagadahoc* – Admin. Pamela Hile; *MACCAM* - Admin. Bill Collins; *MACT* – Kathy Robinson; *MECCA* – Owen Smith; *MSA* – Kennebec Deputy Al Morin, and special guest Dave Cheevers.

DIRECTORS ABSENT: *Androscoggin* – Comm. John Butler; *Cumberland* – Comm. Thomas Coward; *Hancock* – Comm. William Clark; *Kennebec* – Comm. George Jabar; *Oxford* – Comm. Steven Merrill; *Piscataquis* – Comm. James Annis. *Somerset* – Comm. Newell Graf; and *Washington* – Comm. Chris Gardner.

STAFF PRESENT: Executive Director Charles Pray (via phone conference), Risk Pool Manager Malcolm Ulmer and Office Manager Lauren Haven.

II. Approval of/Additions to the Agenda

Comm. Baldacci moved and Comm. Fournier seconded approving the agenda with no additions. The motion was approved unanimously.

III. Approval of March 13th Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes

Comm. Fournier moved to approve the minutes from the Board of Directors' meeting on March 13, 2019 with no revisions requested. Comm. Cote seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

IV. Bicentennial Project 2020 Update by David Cheever

David Cheever highlighted a number of events which will occur in celebration of the Bicentennial Project 2020. Following is a brief summary with most of the ideas mentioned:

The celebration will begin on July 26th when the Governor visits four locations among others (Presque Isle, Bangor, Portland and Augusta).

Bicentennial flags will be distributed and raised together. The first 100 will be free.

A Bicentennial pine grove will be planted with East White Pine and will be cared for over the next 100 years. This will be a legacy project as a renewable resource for ship building as King Pines are used. All counties are invited to sign up to plant three pine trees.

In March, the weekend of the 14th and 15th, a Bicentennial Maine stamp will be available.

On March 14th, the Governor will announce a food drive in honor of the traditional Maine Saturday Suppers. The collection of non-perishable food items will be donated to local area food banks.

In July, chosen coastal towns will receive class A and B, "Tall Ships". Portland will likely be visited on Saturday, July 18th, although the celebration for the ships will cover July 16th through Sunday, July 19th. On July 11th through 25th, the ships will move along the coast visiting such towns as Bar Harbor, Castine, Bucksport, Belfast, Rockland, Boothbay Harbor, Camden, Bath, Kennebunkport, Eastport and Casco Bay. They are planning for a Destroyer to be in Eastport where Senator King will attend a 19-gun salute.

An Air Show is expected to be planned which will feature either the Snow Birds, Thunderbirds, or Blue Angels to be determined at a later date.

A national government association will also host an event in Maine. More information to follow.

On August 1st on the Kennebec, there will be a cultural exchange acknowledging five major rivers. Towns along the rivers may organize events also.

On Columbus (Indigenous People) Day will mark the end of the Bicentennial celebration. There will be a maine Innovation Exposition to recognize prominent advances. A time capsule will be put in place containing different chambers for different years to be revisited in 100 or more years.

Counties are invited to participate in a grant program for \$500,000 to use for local celebration projects. \$125,000 will be distributed each quarter. More information will be available on the <https://www.maine200.org/> website. This can be utilized for the educational opportunity for kids to participate in a salt water/fresh water experience which is being developed. (Dave will send details to MCCA staff.)

V. Committee to Consider Long Term Funding for MCCA

Comm. Norman Fournier reported the committee includes himself, Comm. Amy Fowler, Comm. Steve Gorden, Admin. Pam Hile and Executive Director Charles Pray. Together they are looking into revenue enhancements including a revised dues formula and research into how counties around the country financially support their state association. The goal is to present a recommendation in August or September to be considered by the Board of Directors before the onset of the MCCA 2020 budget season which typically starts in October.

VI. Reports

A. MCCA Staff Report

Office Manager Lauren Haven presented a brief report highlighting the activities during the month of March noting, Executive Director Charles Pray had been out of the office on medical leave. She was looking forward to attending the MSA conference on the 17th and 18th, and she reminded Board members about Maine County Government Day in the Hall of Flags at the State House on April 12th.

B. Financial Reports

Office Manager Lauren Haven presented the monthly financial reports. As there were no questions, Comm. Fournier **moved** to accept the financial reports. Comm. Cote **seconded** the motion, and it **passed** with no opposition.

C. Legislative Discussion

The group reviewed the last Legislative Report. Comm. Fowler lead the discussion of many of the bills being monitored and positions which had been taken during Legislative Policy Committee meetings. Positions taken during this meeting were as follows:

LD1411 An Act Regarding the Federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act – **Support**

LD868 An Act To Require That the Terms of a Settlement to Which a Local Unit of Government Is a Party Be Made Available to the Public – **No Position**

LD1460 An Act To Support Collection and Proper Disposal of Unwanted Drugs – **No Position**

LD1395 An Act To Create Fairness for Dispatchers in the Maine Public Employees Retirement System - **Support**

LD239 Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Explore the Development of a Behavioral Health Unit at the Cumberland County Jail - **Support**

LD335 An Act To Require the State To Distribute 25 Percent of Adult Use Marijuana Retail Sales and Excise Tax Revenue to Generating Municipalities - **Support**

LD357 An Act Regarding Court Facilities in York County - **Support**

Comm. Baldacci **moved** to suspend the legislative discussion and move on in the agenda. Admin. Bob Devlin **seconded** the motion, and it **passed** with no opposition.

D. Association Reports

MACCAM: Admin. Bill Collins reported the Association would be meeting in May.

MACT: Treasurer Kathy Robinson stated there was no news from the Association to report.

MARP: Kennebec County Register Kathleen Ayers submitted the following update:

On April 10 and 11 the Registrars will be at a Maine State Bar Association CLE in Freeport being instructed on the new code changes with attorneys

On April 26, there will be an Association meeting at Kennebec County Hill House and training on Child Support as it will be mandatory on all guardianship of a minor cases starting in July and incorporating the changes within the parentage act.

On April 29th the Sub -ommittee to reorganize the Probate Courts will be meeting the President of the Judges Assembly Judge Washburn and Former Judge Morton have been invited to answer questions and other Judges have decided to go as well.

May 1, 2, Our Vendor will be coming and doing some training on updates within the computer system and on the 3 will meet with the tech committee and myself to discuss upcoming overhaul with the new code changes.

MSA: Kennebec Deputy Al Morin reminded the Board of Directors' of the upcoming MSA conference at the Cross Center in Bangor on April 17th and 18th where they hoped to meet with MCCA representatives.

E. Annual Convention Report

Office Manager Lauren Haven reported the Committee would be meeting on April 19th. Vendor registration had been opened and several companies had already expressed an interest in participating in the event. Lauren mentioned the minutes from the last Convention Planning Committee meeting were included in the agenda packet.

F. NACo Report

Comm. Baldacci announced the upcoming Annual Conference in July taking place in Clark County, Nevada. He expected to attend the NACo Conference with Commissioner Fowler, our second MCCA representative.

XIII. Other Business

No other business was brought before the Board of Directors.

XIV. Adjournment

Vice President Amy Fowler invited a **motion** to adjourn at approximately 12:15 p.m. Comm. Hobart made the **motion** seconded by Admin. Scott Adkins, and the **motion** was unanimously **approved**. The group adjourned to lunch.

Respectfully submitted,

MCCA Office Manager, Lauren Haven

Attested:

MCCA Secretary-Treasurer