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MCCA Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes 10:00 a.m., June 10, 2015

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

President William Blodgett called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. The attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: *Androscoggin* – Comm. Sally Christner proxy for Comm. Beth Bell; *Aroostook* – Comm. Norman Fournier; *Cumberland* – Comm. Tom Coward; *Knox* – Comm. Roger Moody; *Lincoln* – Comm. William Blodgett; *Oxford* – Admin. Scott Cole proxy for Comm. Steven Merrill; *Penobscot* – Comm. Peter Baldacci; *Piscataquis* – Comm. James Annis; *Sagadahoc* – Admin. Pamela Hile proxy for Comm. Charles Crosby III; *Somerset* – Comm. Newell Graf; *Waldo* – Comm. Amy Fowler; *York* – Comm. Michael Cote; *MACCAM* – Bill Collins; *MACT* – David Parkman; *MARP* – Kathleen Ayers; *MECCA* – Owen Smith; and *MRDA* – Susan Bulay.

OTHERS PRESENT: *Cumberland* – Comm. Stephen Gorden, County Manager Peter Crichton and Assistant Manager Bill Whitten; *Knox* – Admin. Andrew Hart; *Somerset* – Admin. Dawn DiBlasi and Sheriff Dale Lancaster.

STAFF PRESENT: Executive Director Rosemary Kulow, Risk Pool Manager Malcolm Ulmer, and Office Manager Lauren Haven.

II. Approval of/Additions to the Agenda

Comm. Cote moved and Comm. Fournier seconded approving the agenda as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Comm. Moody **moved** and Comm. Fournier **seconded** approving the minutes as written. The **motion** was approved unanimously.

IV. Old Business

A. Corrections Legislation Update

Assistant Manager Bill Whitten passed out a handout of the proposed amendment to LD 186 An Act to Reverse Jail Consolidation. The group discussed the amendment and the upcoming vote. At this time it was unclear if the CCA funds were included.

V. New Business

A. Nomination of Representative to Serve on the 2015-2016 NACo Board of Directors & Vote at NACo Board of Directors' Annual Meeting

Comm. Fournier **nominated** Comm. Peter Baldacci to be the MCCA representative, **seconded** by Treasurer David Parkman and **passed** with a unanimous vote.

B. President's Selection of Representative to Pick Up Ballots for Election of NACo Officers (If state association President will not be picking up ballots, he must write a letter authorizing another person to collect ballots from counties.)

Comm. Fowler **nominated** Comm. Peter Baldacci **seconded** by Comm. Moody and **passed** with a unanimous vote.

C. Appointments/Reappointments to NACo Steering Committees

Executive Director Rosemary Kulow listed the NACo Steering Committees and the current representatives:

1. Rosemary Kulow – Agriculture & Rural Affairs Steering Committee
2. Bill Whitten – Community, Economic & Workforce Development Steering Committee
3. Peter Baldacci – Public Safety Steering Committee
4. Robert Faunce, County Planner for Lincoln County – Environment, Energy & Land Use Steering Committee

Comm. Fowler **moved** to re-nominate the current representatives **seconded** by Comm. Bell and the motion **passed** with a unanimous vote.

D. President's Appointment of Ethics Policy Committee

President Bill Blodgett appointed Comm. Amy Fowler, Comm. Roger Moody, and Comm. Norm Fournier to serve on the Ethics Policy Committee.

E. President's Appointment of Professionalism in County Management Committee

President Bill Blodgett decided to table this agenda item.

F. Selection of Nominee(s) to a Dept. of Corrections' Committee to Update County & Municipal Detention Standards Pursuant to MRSA 34-A §1208

Comm. Fowler **nominated** Comm. Michael Cote **seconded** by Comm. Fournier and **passed** with a **unanimous vote**.

VI. Reports

A. Executive Director's Report

B. Financial Report

Executive Director Rosemary Kulow presented her reports and invited questions and comments. Comm. Moody made a **motion** to approve the reports as written. Comm. Fournier seconded the **motion**, which was unanimously approved.

C. Legislative Report

The group reviewed the legislative status chart updates. Assistant Manager Bill Whitten stated that everyone should talk to their legislators and emphasize the talking points that had been developed.

D. Association Reports

MACCAM: Bill Collins reported the next meeting will be on Thursday.

MACT: David Parkman stated there was nothing to report.

MARP: Kathleen Ayers reported on several bills that will impact probate. There are as many as 30 bills impacting probate court from the Supreme Court. The registrars continue to struggle to keep up with changes and comply with new guidelines.

MECCA: Owen Smith reported that the amendment to LD 1256 had been approved, the surcharge gill still remained, and there will be training taking place in October.

MRDA: Susan Bulay reported the Maine State Archives want to take over their production which will save money. Property Fraud Alert is being implemented so that property owners will be notified if a change is attempted with their name on it. A Veteran's Discount program is in place to aid purchases by veterans at local businesses. There is a huge increase in property sales being reported.

E. Corrections Report – No report was given.

F. Annual Convention Report

Office Manager Lauren Haven reported that the Convention Planning Committee met on May 28th. The menu and meal prices were finalized. A band was hired for the second night of the convention. The Square account has been set up and tested through the MCCA bank account. The initial deposit of \$5,000 has been sent to Atlantic Oceanside and will be applied to the final balance. The committee will meet again on June 18th.

G. NACo Report

Comm. Baldacci reported that the NACo's annual conference will take place the second week of July. There will be an election of officers. NACo is now sharing a more modern and efficient space which better fits their needs. He expects to see Dr. Natalie Ortiz who will be speaking at the convention on criminal justice.

VII. Other Business

No other business was brought before the Board.

VIII. Adjournment

Comm. Fowler made a ***motion*** to adjourn at 11:05 a.m.; Comm. Fournier seconded the ***motion***, which was unanimously approved. The group adjourned to lunch.

Respectfully submitted,

MCCA Office Manager, Lauren Haven

Attested:

MCCA Secretary-Treasurer, Thomas S. Coward