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MCCA Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes 10:00 a.m., September 9, 2015

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

President William Blodgett called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. The attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: *Androscoggin* – Comm. Beth Bell; *Aroostook* – Comm. Norman Fournier; *Cumberland* – Comm. Tom Coward; *Franklin* – Comm. Gary McGrane; *Kennebec* – Comm. George Jabar, II; *Knox* – Comm. Roger Moody; *Lincoln* – Comm. William Blodgett; *Oxford* – Admin. Scott Cole proxy for Comm. Steven Merrill; *Penobscot* – Comm. Peter Baldacci; *Piscataquis* – Comm. Fred Trask proxy for 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; and *MECCA* – Owen Smith; *MSA* – Sheriff Liberty.

OTHERS PRESENT: *Androscoggin* – County Clerk Patricia Fournier; *Cumberland* – Commissioner Stephen Gorden; *Kennebec* – Comm. Nancy Rines; *Knox* – Admin. Andrew Hart; *Penobscot* – Comm. Todd Davis; *Somerset* – Admin. Dawn DiBlasi; *York* – Comm. Chandler; and others.

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

II. Approval of/Additions to the Agenda

Comm. Moody **moved** and Administrator Bill Collins **seconded** approving the agenda as presented. The **motion** was approved unanimously.

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Comm. Baldacci **moved** and Comm. Cote **seconded** approving the minutes from the Board of Directors' meeting on August 12, 2015 as written. The **motion** was approved unanimously.

IV. Old Business

A. Updates on Jail Funding and/or Implementation of PL Chapter 335

No updates were given.

V. New Business

A. Nomination of an Additional Representative to the NACo Board of Directors

President Bill Blodgett requested nominations, specifically people who would be available to participate in NACo conferences. Comm. Fowler made a **motion** to nominate Gary McGrane. Comm. McGrane responded that he was interested in being the representative. Comm. Cote **seconded the motion.** After some discussion Comm. Blodgett asked for the vote. Eight were in favor and two were opposed. Gary McGrane is now Maine's second representative to the NACo Board of Directors.

B. Adoption of a Position Regarding a Proposed U.S. Department of Labor Rule Change that Would Increase the Salary Threshold for Employee Overtime Exemption

Administrator Scott Cole proposed that after the conversation at the meeting, the Board table this until the impact on counties could be studied. Comm. Fournier moved to support NACo's position to extend the comment period 90 days. Comm. Baldacci seconded the **motion**, which was unanimously approved.

C. Consideration of Hearing from Dr. Steve Kassels about His Novel, Addiction on Trial – Tragedy in Downeast Maine

Rosemary Kulow explained that Dr. Steven Kassels is board certified in Emergency Medicine and Addiction Medicine. The book was written as a mystery thriller to both entertain and educate through the depiction of the realistic struggles of addiction. Medical and behavioral aspects of addiction are woven into the intrigue of this thriller, which culminates in a riveting murder trial. Comm. Fowler suggested that MSA should hear his presentation. Comm. Cote said MCCA could host the talk and invite MSA so that both organizations could benefit. Comm. Blodgett stated that as there are no objections we will proceed. MCCA staff will set up a joint meeting and invite Dr. Kassels to speak.

VI. Reports

A. Executive Director's Report (See attached.)

B. Financial Report (Attached.)

Executive Director Rosemary Kulow presented her reports. Copies of the adopted Personnel Policy were made available at the meeting as mentioned in the Ethics Policy portion. Comm. Baldacci made a **motion** to approve the reports as written. Comm. Fowler seconded the **motion**, which was passed unanimously.

C. Legislative Report

No report was given.

D. Association Reports

MACCAM: Bill Collins reported the group would be meeting the next day at the convention.

MACT: David Parkman stated the treasurers association met this morning at the convention and had nothing of note to report.

MARP: Kathleen Ayers reported that this group also met this morning at the convention. The association continues to address challenges arising from changes in the laws and the current ever evolving e-filing system.

MECCA: Owen Smith reported that MECCA is co-sponsoring a risk management training with Gordon Graham on Oct 8th for Emergency Communications and others. The morning training is "Active Shooter" and the afternoon is "Ground Control for Fire Scenes."

MSA: Sheriff Liberty reported that funding distributions have gone out to county jails from the Department of Corrections. The amount of the distributions and how the amount was determined is not yet known. However, it is agreed that all counties will lack adequate funding. MOU's will be needed. Sheriffs are meeting in Augusta on Monday of next week to discuss how to deal with this. MSA has yet to take a position on whether to focus on the supplemental budget or completely revise the law in the next session. Sheriffs will need to work with Commissioners who control the budget. It is also unknown how pretrial defendants are counted in the distribution formula.

E. Corrections Report

No additional report was given.

F. Annual Convention Report

Office Manager Lauren Haven reported that the convention was going smoothly. Volunteers and members of the Convention Planning Committee met yesterday to prepare for the event. Final numbers may be available at the next Board of Directors' meeting depending on outstanding invoices and income.

G. NACo Report

Comm. Baldacci reported that Dr. Natalie Ortiz would be speaking today on the NACo study, "County Jails at a Crossroad: Examining the Pretrial Population and Pretrial Release." Sheriff Liberty stated that he is already utilizing her report in his management of the Kennebec County Jail. The talk will occur after lunch in the dining room.

VII. Other Business

Gary McGrane stated that Amy Fowler’s term on the E-911 Council would expire soon. Comm. McGrane moved to re-nominate Comm. Fowler to continue to serve on the Council. Comm. Cote seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

VIII. Adjournment

Comm. Baldacci made a **motion** to adjourn at 10:50 a.m.; Comm. Coward seconded the **motion**, which was unanimously approved. The group adjourned to join in other convention activities.

Respectfully submitted,

MCCA Office Manager, Lauren Haven

Attested:

MCCA Secretary-Treasurer, Thomas S. Coward