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MAINE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ASSOCIATION

MCCA Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes *Draft* May 10, 2017

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

President Peter Baldacci called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. The attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance and all present introduced themselves.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: *Androscoggin* – Comm. Sally Christner; *Aroostook* – Comm. Norman Fournier; *Cumberland* – Comm. Thomas Coward; *Hancock* – Comm. Percy Brown; *Kennebec* – Admin. Bob Devlin proxy for Comm. George Jabar; *Knox* – Comm. Carol Maines; *Lincoln* – Comm. William Blodgett; *Oxford* – Admin. Scott Cole proxy for Comm. Steven Merrill; *Penobscot* – Comm. Peter Baldacci; *Piscataquis* – Comm. Jim Annis; *Sagadahoc* – Admin. Pamela Hile proxy for Comm. Charles Crosby III; *Somerset* – Admin. Dawn DiBlasi proxy for Comm. Newell Graf; *Waldo* – Comm. Amy Fowler; *Washington* – Manager Betsy Fitzgerald proxy for Comm. Chris Gardner; and *York* – Comm. Michael Cote.

OTHERS PRESENT: *Cumberland* – Comm. Steve Gordon; *Knox* – Admin. Andrew Hart; *Lincoln* – Admin. Carrie Kipfer; *MACCAM* – Admin. Bill Collins; and Legislative Specialist Charles Pray.

DIRECTORS ABSENT: *Franklin* – Comm. Charles Webster; *Kennebec* – Comm. George Jabar, II; *Oxford* – Comm. Steven Merrill; *Sagadahoc* – Comm. Charles Crosby III; *Somerset* – Comm. Newell Graf and *Washington* – Comm. Chris Gardner.

STAFF PRESENT: Risk Pool Manager Malcolm Ulmer and Office Manager Lauren Haven.

II. Approval of/Additions to the Agenda

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

III. Approval of April 12, 2017 Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes

Comm. Fournier **moved** and County Manager Betsy Fitzgerald **seconded** approving the minutes from the Board of Directors' meeting on April 12, 2017. The **motion** was **passed**.

IV. Old Business

A. Update on Executive Director Replacement

Office Manager Lauren Haven reported more than twenty applications from executive director candidates had been received by the deadline of April 15th. The Executive Committee planned to meet after the Board of Directors' meeting to review and discuss the candidate pool. They expect to narrow down the list to a few finalists who will be interviewed.

Comm. Fowler asked if Board members could have the list of applicants. Lauren said she would distribute copies of the list for Directors to take with them and follow up with an email.

A. Nominations for NACo Steering Committees

President Baldacci asked if there were any other commissioners interested in joining one of the Steering Committees as discussed at the April Board meeting. There were none. Comm. Baldacci agreed to continue serving on the Justice & Public Safety Committee. Comm. Fowler **moved** and Comm. Fournier **seconded** re-nominating Comm. Baldacci to the NACo Justice & Public Safety Steering Committee. The **motion** was **approved** unanimously.

V. New Business

A. Consideration of Hiring a Keynote Speaker for the Convention

Office Manager Lauren Haven said the Convention Planning Committee was brainstorming ideas to increase attendance in the convention. The committee thought a motivational speaker could inspire the group, kick off the event, and spark interest for future conferences. The group reviewed information provided about professional speaker Barbara Cookson. After some discussion, it was decided the committee would look for a political leader for a keynote speaker. MCCA would pay travel-related expenses only to keep profits at a maximum.

VI. Reports

A. Office Manager's Report

Office Manager Lauren Haven presented her report on the activities of the association in the last month.

B. Financial Report

Office Manager Lauren Haven presented the April financial reports. All line items were well within 2017 budget guidelines. Comm. Cote **moved** and Comm. Blodgett **seconded** approving the financial reports. The **motion** was **approved** with no opposition.

C. Legislative Report

Legislative Specialist Charlie Pray advised the group on the status of several bills impacting counties. The discussion continued with ideas to solve the jail funding shortfall. The group agreed the state needed to accept responsibility for a portion of the funding. They could raise funds needed above the base level of support. Other solutions were discussed such as alcohol tax, marijuana tax, lifting the tax cap, adding a fee to tickets, etc. Mr. Pray suggested making the issue more widely known publicly so legislators would be aware and already have background on the issue when legislation or funding is on the table.

D. Association Reports

MACCAM: Admin. Bill Collins said the group met at the MCCA offices on May 5th. Charles Pray was invited to speak with the group about their political interests. A record-breaking 14 out of 16 counties represented at the meeting. The members expect to meet sometime in June.

E. Corrections Report

There was no further discussion on this topic.

F. Annual Convention Report

Office Manager Lauren Haven reported the Convention Planning Committee met at the MCCA offices on Friday, April 21st. Vendor registration is open and we have already received completed registration forms for exhibits. There is also interest in sponsorships. Educational sessions are being set up. Attendee registration by the end of June.

Three venues have been considered for the 2018 convention being hosted by Cumberland County. The committee is recommending the Double Tree by Hilton in South Portland for September 14, 15 and 16, 2018. There is plenty of meeting and breakout space as well as reasonably priced hotel rooms available for attendees to stay on site. *Comm. Fowler moved and Admin. Bill Collins seconded the motion to enter into an agreement with the Double Tree as the venue for the 2018 convention. The motion was passed with no opposition.*

The Convention Planning Committee was scheduled to meet next on Friday, May 19th at the Sunday River Resort to work on placement of check in tables, vendor exhibits, association meetings and educational sessions.

G. NACo Report

Comm. Baldacci reported the next NACo conference will be the 2017 annual conference in Franklin County Ohio July 21st through 24th.

VII. Other Business

No other business was brought before the board.

VIII. Adjournment

Comm. Cote made a **motion** to adjourn at approximately 11:15 a.m.; Comm. Baldacci seconded the **motion**, which was **approved with no opposition**. The group adjourned to lunch.

Respectfully submitted,

MCCA Office Manager, Lauren Haven

Attested:

MCCA Secretary-Treasurer, Michael Cote