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MCCA Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes *Draft* Convention of Maine Counties at Sunday River Resort September 8, 2017

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

Prior to the beginning of the meeting a photo was taken of all county commissioners and county representatives present.

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: *Aroostook* – Comm. Norman Fournier; *Cumberland* – Comm. Thomas Coward; *Kennebec* – Comm. George Jabar; *Knox* – Admin. Andrew Hart proxy for Comm. Carol Maines; *Lincoln* – Comm. William Blodgett; *Oxford* – Admin. Scott Cole proxy for Comm. Steven Merrill *Penobscot* – Comm. Peter Baldacci; *Sagadahoc* – Admin. Pamela Hile proxy for Comm. Charles Crosby III; *Somerset* – Admin. Dawn DiBlasi proxy for Comm. Newell Graf; *Waldo* – Comm. Amy Fowler; and *York* – Comm. Michael Cote.

OTHERS PRESENT: *Androscoggin* – Admin. Larry Post; *Aroostook* – Comm. Paul Adams; *Cumberland* – Comm. Steve Gorden; *Hancock* – Rebekah Knowlton; *Kennebec* – Comm. Nancy Rines and Patsy Crockett; Admin. Bob Devlin; *Lincoln* – Comm. Mary Trescott, Admin. Carrie Kipfer and guest Carol Blodgett; *Penobscot* – Comm. Laura Sanborn; *Somerset* – Comm. Robert Sezak; *Waldo* – Comm. Betty Johnson; *York* – Comm. Richard Dutremble and Comm. Sallie Chandler and guest Arnold Chandler; *EMAD* – Sean Goodwin; *MACCAM* – Bill Collins; *MACT* – David Parkman; and NACo Membership Director Andrew Goldschmidt.

DIRECTORS ABSENT: *Androscoggin* – Comm. Sally Christner; *Franklin* – Comm. Charles Webster; *Hancock* – Comm. Percy Brown; *Oxford* – Comm. Steven Merrill; *Piscataquis* – Comm. Jim Annis; *Sagadahoc* – Comm. Charles Crosby III; *Somerset* – Comm. Newell Graf and *Washington* – Comm. Chris Gardner.

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

II. Approval of/Additions to the Agenda

Comm. Fowler **moved** and Comm. Blodgett **seconded** approving the agenda with no additions. The **motion** was **approved** unanimously.

III. Approval of August 9, 2017 Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes

Comm. Cote **moved** and Comm. Fowler **seconded** approving the minutes from the Board of Directors' meeting on August 9, 2017 with no additions. The **motion** was **passed**.

IV. New Business

A. Consideration of a December Training Organized by the Professionalism in Management Committee for Commissioners

Comm. Fournier stated he attended the Newly Elected Official Training last December. The subject matter was beneficial, not only to new commissioners, but helpful for seasoned commissioners as well. Comm. Coward said we should certainly continue to have the training at least every other year. Comm. Cote agreed and said the question is whether or not to have the training annually or only offer it on election years. President Baldacci said they could pick a few legislative topics to focus on for the alternate year training and continue to offer the Newly Elected Official Training on election years. Comm. Gorden said it might be difficult to gather all the commissioners for a separate day and maybe we could arrange a training for the afternoon on the day of the annual meeting in January. More commissioners would be likely to attend because it would be convenient.

Comm. Cote mentioned the Professionalism in Management Committee needs one more member and requested interested parties to contact the Executive Committee.

V. Reports

A. Executive Director Report

The group reviewed the written report from Executive Director Charles Pray.

B. Financial Report

Office Manager Lauren Haven presented the August financial reports and invited questions. Comm. Cote **moved** and Comm. Fowler **seconded** approving the financial reports. The **motion** was **approved**.

C. Legislative Report

Executive Director Charles Pray joined the MCCA Board of Directors' meeting from the Maine Sheriff's Association meeting happening concurrently. The group discussed the Workforce Investment Board news regarding the letter from Governor LePage to President Trump requesting reducing the three regional workforce boards to one single board. This letter followed the recent rejection to the same request by the Department of Labor. It was an encouraging outcome. The group talked about possible civil action and proposing for counties to handle the funding for training. President Baldacci will also speak with NACo Vice President Greg Cox who will be attending the convention.

D. Association Reports

MACCAM: Admin. Bill Collins reported the association plans to meet Friday at 1:15 after the luncheon speaker.

MACT: Treasurer David Parkman stated there was no official report from the association. The treasurers did have an opportunity to meet with representatives from Machias Savings Bank during the convention.

E. Corrections Report

The group discussed jail funding and the Jail Advisory Committee. Admin. Bob Devlin said nothing has been decided at this point; we need to get rid of old language. It was agreed we need people to participate with a solid understanding of funding and the unique challenges for each county jail. Admin. Scott Cole said we should not lose sight of the big picture regarding the state's responsibility to share in the cost of operating the jails.

Note: In the September MSA meeting, sheriffs were not supportive of the language change.

F. Annual Convention Report

Office Manager Lauren Haven reported the Convention Planning Committee met at Sunday River the day on Thursday to begin setting up. Oxford County had found wonderful volunteers to help with various tasks throughout the event. There were 175 people expected to participate in the convention. There were no income and expense numbers to share at that time. It's likely most bills will be paid before the October meeting.

Lauren mentioned the 2018 convention will be hosted by Cumberland County at the Double Tree by Hilton in South Portland on September 14, 15 and 16. Public Information Officer Amy Carole had already attended a Convention Planning meeting and planned to actively participate in organizing the next event.

G. NACo Report

President Baldacci introduced Andrew Goldschmidt, NACo's Membership Director. Mr. Goldschmidt spoke briefly on PILT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes) being targeted, the flood insurance program, and SALT (State and Local Taxes) being hit hard. The National Association is focused on marketplace fairness to ensure counties will be able to have a share in online commerce as well as local brick and mortar sales purchases.

Mr. Goldschmidt said Daria Daniel is the Associate Legislative Director for Community, Economic and Workforce Development at NACo. She is considered to be the point person as she's responsible for all policy development and lobbying for the association in the areas of housing, community, economic and workforce development.

Comm. Baldacci brought up the Waters of the U.S. In February of 2017, President Trump issued an Executive Order directing EPA and Department of the Army to review and rescind or revise the 2015 Rule. EPA, Department of Army, and the Army Corps of Engineers are in the process of reviewing the 2015 rule and considering a revised definition of "waters of the United States" consistent with the Executive Order.

VI. Other Business

No other business was brought before the Board of Directors at this time.

President Baldacci requested commissioners and county officials spend time with every vendor and exhibitor at the convention as they make the event possible.

VII. Adjournment

Comm. Fowler made a **motion** to adjourn at approximately 11:15 a.m.; Comm. Blodgett seconded the **motion**, which was **approved**. The group adjourned to convention activities.

Respectfully submitted,

MCCA Office Manager, Lauren Haven

Attested:

MCCA Secretary-Treasurer, Michael Cote