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MAINE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ASSOCIATION

Executive Committee Meeting

Zoom 6-17-20 Wednesday 9:00 am

Zoom Attendance:

- President Comm. Steve Gorden
- Vice President Comm. Mike Cote
- Secretary/Treasurer Comm. Bill Blodgett
- Past President Comm. Peter Baldacci,
- Risk Pool President Comm. Norm Fournier
- MCCA staff, Lauren Haven

Interim Lobbyist Contract:

Comm. Fournier and President Gorden have been working on the revised contract for Charles Pray which will be effective 6-15-20. Mr. Pray agreed to the proposed changes in terms and Steve also has requested a weekly report on legislative activities. Mr. Pray is waiting for the revised copy to review and then both parties will sign the final document.

Lobbying Services RFP:

The plan is to send the RFP draft with the agenda packet to get feedback from board members. At the July Board of Directors' meeting, the draft can be approved with any agreed upon revisions. The target dates may have to be changed as well. All aspects of the RFP are contingent upon the organizational plan going forward including how many hours the lobbyist would be expected to work. Other hiring factors will include qualifications and experience. The organization needs to change its approach from being reactive to bills that are introduced to proactive in developing new legislation. The details should be debated and finalized now so we can have someone hired, in place and ready to go by the end of

September. The group discussed continuing Zoom meetings for the near future and the best way to vote at these meetings. Comm. Baldacci suggested using the following sentence, "It's a vote unless doubted." This will reduce the number of roll call votes necessary.

Risk Pool Interlocking Agreement:

The Risk Pool Board is reviewing the agreement in groups of pages as the document is sizable. The review should be completed in the next five or six months. The board should consider proposing changes to the MCCA bylaws as we make these organizational changes.

Organizational Chart:

Steve Gorden is continuing to work on this project. It will be considered for adoption at the next meeting. Some of the structural changes include adding a level as an Officer Corp, which would include the president, vice president, secretary/treasurer and last president. The next level down would be the Executive Committee which would be changed to include the Officer Corp plus the chair of each committee. It will be a goal to get the affiliated associations more involved. The associations used to have a vote aside from issues on finances. Participation has diminished since this practice stopped. The chart shows the Risk Pool as an "Agency" being a separate self-supporting entity.

The proxy is not allowed to vote on bylaw changes. Other ideas: the director must be on one of these committees and must participate at least quarterly. The LPC could have a different representative on this committee, not necessarily the director on the MCCA board. The Professionalism in Management Committee would develop the charges of the other committees and take over the convention. Steve will ask Comm. Fowler if she would remain as the chair of the LPC Committee. We might also consider changing the convention format to one day although there would be much less revenue as vendors are not likely to participate. We might schedule a one-day meeting in September with a round table discussion and awards dinner. It would be helpful to strengthen the relationship between commissioners and the Sheriff's Office.

Next Steps and Tasks

Steve Gorden will continue to work with Charles Pray on the interim lobbyist contract.

Steve and Norm will meet to work on the RFP at 10 am on Friday.

Lauren will set up Zoom for Friday.

Steve is going to revise the organizational chart draft.

Lauren will poll affiliate associations to see if they would be willing to submit reports to the board.

Steve will ask Comm. Fowler if she will continue as the LPC Chair.

Lauren request each county appoint a representative to the LPC.

Adjournment

President Steve Gorden adjourned the meeting at approximately 10:00 am.