

MnAPA Legislative Committee Meeting

Second meeting for 2009 Legislative Session

Friday, January 16, 2009

2:00-4:00 p.m.

Builder's Association of the Twin Cities, Roseville, MN

Upcoming meeting dates:

Friday, February 6th 2:00 to 4:00

Friday, March 6th 2:00 to 4:00

Friday, April 10th 2:00 to 4:00

Friday, May 8th 2:00 to 4:00

Summer goal-setting meeting

September 17th, 2009 Chapter mini-conference, Brooklyn Center – Legislative platform roundtables

Attendees: Co-chair Andrew Mack, co-chair Jean Coleman, Michael Noonan, Bob Patton, Paul Mogush, Stephen Goltry, Matt Brown, Brad Scheib, James Vagle (BATC), Meg Arnosti (MASLA), John Baker, and Jon Sevald. Attending by conference phone: Renee Christianson, Mike Wozniak, and John Shepard.

Jean Coleman, co-chair, called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

Welcome and Introduction – Everyone introduced themselves and Michael Noonan was thanked for hosting the meeting.

Agenda approval – Mike Wozniak moved that the agenda be approved as presented. The motion passed.

Nomination for Committee co-chair – Jean Coleman reminded the committee that she will be stepping down as Committee co-chair because she was elected Chapter Board Secretary. Bob Patton stated that he was willing to serve as co-chair. Bob's name was put in nomination and approved by the committee. **Jean will forward his name to the MnAPA Board for official appointment.**

Two agenda items were delayed because Andrew Mack had not yet arrived.

Chapter Board liaison report – Jean reviewed a written report highlighting: committee leadership nominated at the December committee meeting were approved and appointed by the Chapter President. The request for a letter from the Chapter Board in support of legislation on a statute of limitations changed for appeals of municipal land use decisions sparked discussion at the Chapter Board meeting. The Board members expressed support for the idea, however, in response to comments by two Board members are requiring the following steps for such requests of support:

1. Develop a pro/con statement
2. Solicit member comment on the pro/con statement and suggestion for support

Discussion about the requirements included concern about the ability to respond quickly to potential legislation and the bureaucratic nature of the requirements. Committee members felt that a formally adopted legislative platform might solve some of these issues and our workplan commits the committee to developing a platform. **Jean will take the timing issue to the Chapter Board.**

Brad Scheib will draft a process for developing a platform on several issues. The process will be discussed and issues chosen at the next Committee meeting. A tentative process might be:

1. Use the annual conference to hold roundtable discussions on the issues and positions
2. Hold district meetings to discuss issues and positions
3. Between now and the conference research the issues
4. Draft a platform to be endorsed by the Legislative Committee and forwarded to the Board
5. Formal adoption of the Platform by the Board at their annual December meeting

Jean Coleman will contact Gina Mitchell, co-chair of the 2009 state conference, about having roundtables.

Part Time Legislative Coordinator – Andrew reported that he has received comments on the draft Legislative Education Coordinator position description. Andrew will produce a final draft by January 20th and have it posted on the website.

Planners Day at the Capitol – Andrew reported that he has met with Paul Mandel of the Capitol Region Planning District. The tentative agenda for March 25th is:

- 11:30 Brown Bag at the Veterans Affairs conference room
- 12:00 Walking tour of Capitol region – arriving at the Capitol at 12:30
- 12:30 View House Local Government Committee meeting – Michael Noonan has made a contact with the chair – The Chair and members will be invited to talk with our group
- 2:00 In a room at the Capitol - Legislative Committee meeting and program on the legislative process, active bills, and MnAPA legislative platform development process – CM credits will be applied for – **Bob and Andrew will work on CM credits**
- 4:00 Social gathering at bar near the Capitol

There was discussion of the need for concerted effort to get members and Board members to attend.

Renee will invite partner organization as soon as the agenda and flyer is finished.

Andrew will coordinate with Suzanne Rhees about the tour.

Continue discussion of possible support for 1000FoM/MEP legislative initiative – On the question of whether or not MnAPA should become a supporting partner the following comments were made: There is not much detail in the proposal; it could touch on issues that are controversial within the membership; we should enter the discussion; it is not acceptable to NOT be at the table; we should provide information so members can act on their own. It was decided that **Mike Wozniak will track this effort and keep the committee informed.**

Tracking of legislation – Bob Patton reported that Green Acres changes will be the subject of the Senate Agriculture Committee hearing on January 29th at 3:00 p.m. **Bob will track this topic for the committee.**

Other people assigned to track and report on issues are as follows:

Jean Coleman– shoreland rules and any other shoreland changes

Jean Coleman - Statewide septic point of sale compliance

Andrew and John Shepard – Annexation

Paul Mogush – Transportation

Michael Noonan – City/county building code enforcement statewide adoption

Michael Noonan – Development agreements – Chapter 462 changes

Michael Noonan – Moratoria

Mike Wozniak and Bob Patton volunteered to work on the longer-term issue of possible reform to state enabling laws. Mike will share his thoughts on this at the next meeting.

Matt Brown offered to host the January Committee meeting at the Coon Rapids City Hall.

The meeting was adjourned 4:00 p.m.

Recorded by Jean Coleman, co-chair