

Legislative Committee Meeting Notes
November 6, 2009
2:00 – 4:00 pm
Coon Rapids City Hall

Present: Bob Patton, Andrew Mack (by phone), Andy Gitzlaff, Lance Bernard, Karin Berkholtz, Matt Brown, Michael Noonan, Suzanne Rhees

Meeting began approximately 2:00 p.m.

Minutes of October 6 meeting were approved.

Policy Platform: Most of the meeting was spent completing revisions to the Policy Platform statements for presentation at the November 20 MnAPA Board Meeting. One additional platform statement, on sustainability, was discussed and added.

Next steps: Should platform statements be sent out again to the membership to prioritize or voice concerns? Has the membership had enough opportunities to weigh in? The committee determined that the Board would decide whether any additional survey of the membership was needed. At this point the Board only needs to review the basic policy platform statements, not the rationale behind them or the proposed actions.

Other business: MACPZA (Minnesota Association of County Planning and Zoning Administrators) would like to meet with the Legislative Committee and discuss opportunities for collaboration, as part of their conference on December 7. Noted that committee chairs have already met with MACPZA. Annalee Garletz staffs their legislative committee as a component of AMC. Point was made that we won't agree with all the positions of allied organizations. Karin noted the Metro Cities (formerly AMM) organization as another potential partner in 2010.

Work Plan & Budget review. It was noted that the technology (phone) purchases should probably be a chapter expenditure. Mileage stipend is under discussion. Leave everything in for now. Lance expressed thanks on behalf of the Board. Chapter Presidents' Council (CPC) grant will be pursued during the next funding cycle as part of work plan. Karin Berkholtz moved to approve work plan; Suzanne seconded; approved unanimously.

Education Coordinator position – agreed to send out Alex's summary of his experience and to advertise the position following Board approval of the Committee work plan.

Next meeting: Date TBD: Dec. 4 or Dec. 7-8 in conjunction with MACPZA meeting.

Meeting adjourned 4:00 p.m.