

TCMA
Annual Business Meeting
June 10, 2007
Knoxville Convention Center
Knoxville, Tennessee

MINUTES

President Johnson called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. There were 47 in attendance.

The first item of business was approval of the annual business meeting minutes from June 25, 2006 and June 12, 2005. Victor Lay, City Manager of Waynesboro, made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Cindy Cameron-Ogle, City Manager of Gatlinburg. There being no discussion a vote was taken and the minutes were approved unanimously.

President Johnson then welcomed everyone. He said it was a pleasure serving the association and that he enjoyed working with a great board. As a review of his year as president, he mentioned that he would have liked to have done more with the Tennessee Municipal League (TML) in its policy formation and for the association to have a stronger voice in the state legislature. He said that the association offered two of the best conferences this year. In conclusion, he thanked everyone for a great year.

The next item of business was the approval of the slate of officers submitted by the nominating committee. President Johnson reviewed the report of the nominating committee with the proposed slate of officers. Roger Campbell, Assistant City Manager of Maryville, made a motion to accept the committee's report, seconded by Jay Johnson, City Administrator of Franklin. President Johnson asked if there were any other nominations. There being none, a vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. The slate is as follows:

President	Mitchell Moore, City of Athens, City Manager
First Vice President	Kevin Helms, City of Fayetteville, City Administrator
Second Vice President	Jody Baltz, City of Tullahoma, City Administrator
Third Vice President	Robert Wherry, City of Lakeland, City Manager
Vice President At-Large	James Lewellen, Town of Collierville, City Administrator
Vice President At-Large	Angie Carrier, City of White House, City Administrator
Vice President At-Large	William Hammon, City of Alcoa, Assistant City Manager
Past President	Mark Johnson, City of Alcoa, City Manager

At this point, now Past President Johnson handed the meeting over to President Moore. President Moore then acknowledged Past President Johnson for his smooth handling of the association during the previous year and presented him with a plaque of appreciation.

President Moore then recognized first time attendees in the audience. They were David Rutherford, City Administrator in McMinnville; Matthew Watson and Patty Sigler, Interns with the City of Morristown; Vernon Gerth, Assistant City Administrator in Franklin; Cara Howe, Intern with MTAS; and Wade Tosh, Intern with Maryville.

The next item of business that President Moore covered was the upcoming fall conference to be held in Johnson City from October 24-26, 2007. He announced that the Carnegie Hotel is booked at state rates and that the conference will be held at the Millennium Centre.

Keeping with conference discussion, President Moore announced that the spring conference will be held in Nashville from April 23-25, 2008. It will be a joint conference with Kentucky. Any suggestions for sessions should be directed to Executive Director Norris.

President Moore then reviewed possible by-law changes regarding members in transition and guidelines for honoring retiring members such as Joe Cate, City Manager of Cleveland who is retiring this month.

Under ICMA issues, President Moore yielded the floor to Michael Walker, City Manager of Brentwood and ICMA Vice President for the southeast region. Mr. Walker gave an update on happenings within ICMA and asked that suggestions be forwarded to him. He reviewed a membership effort and proposal from TCMA to ICMA regarding ways to encourage new members. The association's goal is to get five Tennessee city managers to join ICMA each year. He strongly encouraged ICMA membership. Next, Vice President At-Large Carrier gave an overview of the upcoming ICMA annual conference in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. She is on the ICMA conference planning committee. TCMA will be getting together for dinner on Monday night, October 8th. She is making plans for a Saturday night dinner for those that will be in town and interested in getting together. If members would like to go, please let her know so that she can make an appropriate reservation.

With President Moore's approval, Vice President At-Large Carrier continued with an opportunity to recruit young people into the profession. She reviewed a tool kit that is available through ICMA. She will be demonstrating the tool kit at the fall conference. It includes commercials that can be aired on local cable access channels. She encouraged all city managers to take the program to their local schools and interest youth in the city management profession. If anyone has questions, they are to ask her or TCMA's ICMA liaison, Amanda Relyea. Michael Walker, City Manager of Brentwood asked if the program was good for educating citizens about local government as well. Vice President At-Large Carrier confirmed that it was also useful for citizen education.

Under other business, President Moore acknowledged Paul Nutting, City Manager of Springfield. He announced a USA Today competition among the nation's Springfields for the "real" Springfield that is the home to the Simpsons cartoon family to host the movie's premier. There are 14 cities and each is to prepare a three to five minute video of how their city fits the bill. He requested everyone to please vote for the Springfield, Tennessee video.

President Moore then acknowledged Mr. Chad Jenkins, Deputy Director of TML.

The last item of other business came from Jay Johnson, City Administrator of Franklin. He asked the membership to please do a better job of giving feedback to TML when members speak with their legislators. Having served on the TML board, he acknowledged that this effort will help TML do a better job of representing cities.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.