

## **March 26, 2014 Board of Directors' Minutes**

GCCMA Board of Directors' Meeting

Wednesday, March 26

Athens, Georgia

Attending: Tom Couch, Joseph Mosley, David Hankerson, Julian Jackson, Kenneth Howard, Kay Love, Doug White, Alan Ours, Stan Kelley, Terrell Jacobs, Al Lawson, Erica Powell, Bill Thornton, Dave Wills, Mara Register, Stacey Jones. Absent: Chris Hobby

President Tom Couch called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for attending. Couch then asked that the board take a few minutes to review the minutes from the fall conference and then he asked for a motion to approve. A motion was made, a second was made and the motion passed.

Couch then asked Secretary-Treasurer Kay Love to present the year-end financial statement. Love went through the budget, and addressed the TLG charges. Following her review, a motion was made to accept the financials, a second was made and the motion carried unanimously.

Couch then went through a few issues that he wanted to inform the membership about. The first, was information about the Internship Program. He explained that the program that was previously discussed has been pushed back due to ACCG implementing a similar program. As GCCMA does not want to compete, he suggested that GCCMA rethink the timing of the program. Couch also addressed GCCMA's Strategic Plan. He recognized that this is crucial to the future of the organization and offered to spearhead this after his presidency has ended. Once the membership survey has been completed, Couch will align resources to address higher priority programs. His third issue was the Range Rider program. David Hankerson states that programs need to be sustainable so we do not take money from the fund balance.

Couch called on Julian Jackson, as nominating committee chair, to present the recommended slate of officers for 2014-2015. Jackson announced that the committee had come up with this slate:

President: Joe Mosley, Metter

Vice President: Kay Love, Roswell

Secretary/Treasurer: David Hankerson, Cobb County

Director-at-Large: Tom Couch, Bulloch County

District Directors:

NW: Stan Kelley, Lumpkin County

NE: Doug White, Social Circle

Metro: John McDonough, Sandy Springs

Central/Heartland: Al Lawson, Swainsboro

SW: Chris Hobby, Bainbridge

SE/Coastal: Terrell Jacobs, Douglas

A motion was made to accept the slate as offered, a second was made and the motion carried.

Couch asked Alan Ours to provide updates from ICMA. Ours reported that the ICMA Board is very active and meets four times a year. They are trying to get feedback on how ICMA can make a better effort to be connected to members. Ours gave a reminder about the upcoming ICMA Conference in Charlotte. The conference will take place on September 14<sup>th</sup> and will be ICMA's 100 year anniversary. New member attendees receive a discounted rate. Ours proposes that GCCMA put in a bid to host the 2025 ICMA conference. Ours introduced Randy Reid with ICMA.

Couch asked District Directors for a report.

Terrell Jacobs: Proposed that Regional Commissions and GCCMA have joint district meetings, which could potentially draw in more managers to become members of GCCMA.

Doug White: The NE District held a meeting and invited GMA and Managers to get an update on GMA Services.

David Hankerson: Expressed that city participation was good, but larger counties needed to be more involved.

Al Lawson: Reported that the Emanuel County Manager is retiring.

Stan Kelley: Reported that there was a New City Manager with Dahlongega who was attending the conference.

Kenneth Howard discussed that when the nominating committee met, they agreed that the nominating process/term limitations should be addressed so more members can become involved.

Couch called on Stacy Jones for the Carl Vinson report. Jones reported that Vinson had worked with Macon/Bibb on their consolidation and strategic plan and they are also working on a consolidation study with Warren, Glascock and McDuffie counties.

Hearing no other new business, the meeting was adjourned.