

GCCMA
Annual Business Meeting
Wednesday, March 20, 2019
Classic Center
Athens, Georgia

President Scott Johnson called the meeting to order and asked for a motion to accept the minutes from the Spring Membership Meeting (no Fall minutes since the meeting was cancelled due to Hurricane Irma). A motion was made, seconded and all approved.

Johnson then went through the President's topics starting with the fund balance policy that has been brought up from past meetings. He reported that the association would move forward with the \$100k investment into CD's at East West Bank and that Marcia Hampton had secured a 2.55% rate for 12 month CD's. President Johnson then asks for a motion to approve the investment. A motion was made as well as a second and the members unanimously approved the motion to invest \$100,000.00 in 12 month CDs. Next, Johnson also addressed the 2019 Fall Conference RFPs for sessions which was included in the meeting packet. The deadline to submit session proposals is August 16th, 2019. RFP's will also be sent out to the membership following the conference.

Johnson next informed members that a discussion was had during the Board meeting about reevaluating the nominations process which would include making updates to the by-laws pertaining the nominating process for the Board of Directors. The purpose of this update would be to apply term limits and have a more open process for GCCMA Board nominations.

Johnson made a call for volunteers to work the GCCMA booths at ACCG and GMA conferences.

Johnson then called on Marcia Hampton to present the 2018 year-end financial statement. Hampton reported the \$70k increase from year 2017 to 2018 financials. Following the review, the membership was asked for a motion to accept the statement, a motion was made, second and all approved.

Johnson then presented the following slate of officers recommended by the 2019-2020 nominating committee.

President: Blaine Williams, Athens/Clarke County

Vice President: Marcia Hampton, Douglasville

Secretary/Treasurer: Chris Hobby, Bainbridge

Director-at-Large: Scott Johnson, Columbia County

District Directors

NW: Sammy Rich, Rome

NE: Adam Mestres, Morgan County

Metro: Sonja Fillingame, Union City

Central/Heartland: Al Lawson, Swainsboro

South West: Sharon Subadan, Albany

South East/Coastal: Joey Brown, Liberty County

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

Johnson called on Ed Driggers to provide updates from ICMA. He encouraged members to attend the Annual ICMA Conference in Nashville, TN. Next, he noted that ICMA continues the conversation about the importance of diversity and inclusion. Driggers mentioned the ICMA Coaching program that offers 6 new webinars at no cost to local governments in Georgia. He also mentioned the new "Veterans Fellowship Program" ICMA is offering that will be funded by the Department of Defense.

Following the ICMA update, President Johnson then started the discussion of issues GCCMA has with ICMA.

1. Cost of dues
 - a. What is the value of membership? Are we excluding majority of Georgia communities that cannot afford ICMA dues?
2. Florida wants to add more Board seats to the SE Region.
 - a. Does Georgia support this effort?
3. Does GCCMA want to participate in the ICMA membership drive?
 - a. Can our members afford ICMA?
 - b. If the Board cannot fully explain the value of ICMA, why would it push ICMA membership in a joint membership drive?

After Johnson presented the issues, a member stated that the membership was unaware of discussions had previously by the Board and he deferred to the Board for a decision on any of these issues.

Johnson then called on GMA Executive Director, Larry Hanson and ACCG Executive Director, Dave Wills for updates from their respective organizations.

Johnson then asked if there were other member issues that needed to be addressed. Blaine Williams presented Scott Johnson with the President's Award for his hard work throughout the year.

President Johnson adjourned the business meeting after hearing no other business.