

GCCMA
Annual Business Meeting
Wednesday, March 22, 2017 at 4:15pm
Oconee River Room – Classic Center
Athens, Georgia

President David Hankerson called the meeting to order and asked for a motion to accept the minutes from the Fall Membership Meeting. A motion was made, seconded and all approved.

Hankerson then went through a President's topics. He informed the membership about the Board meeting and a few key points on how to promote membership by having booths at ACCG and GMA conferences and CVIOG mentioned that they would use a grad assistant for a membership drive. The last Presidential topic was about liability insurance for the association. He explained that the Board went forward with a policy that would cost approximately \$1,900 annually. The membership made a motion and second to approve the liability coverage. President Hankerson then called on Marcia Hampton to discuss the ICMA program planning committee demands.

Hankerson then asked Secretary-Treasurer Scott Johnson to present the year-end financial statement. Johnson presented the balance sheet and statement which included an increase in speaker's line item and how coffee breaks had gotten a little high. He acknowledged that there had previously been questions about a fund balance policy and he suggested that the association wait until a decision about the 2025 ICMA Conference was made. Following the review, the membership was asked for a motion to accept the statement, a motion was made, second and all approved.

Hankerson then asked Kay Love to provide the nominating committee report.

Love announced that the following was the slate of officers recommended by the 2017-2018 nominating committee.

President: John McDonough, Sandy Springs

Vice President: Scott Johnson, Columbia County

Secretary/Treasurer: Terrell Jacobs, Douglas

Director-at-Large: David Hankerson, Cobb County

District Directors

NW: Sammy Rich, Rome

NE: Kevin Poe, Jackson County

Metro: Marcia Hampton, Douglasville

Central/Heartland: Al Lawson, Swainsboro

SW: Chris Hobby, Bainbridge

SE/Coastal: Joey Brown, Liberty County

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

Hankerson called on Randy Reid to provide updates from ICMA. Reid told members that ICMA 2025 conference selections typically take place in June following site visits in April. He advised that GCCMA prove that Atlanta and the Association would provide plenty of assistance. Joseph Mosley suggested GCCMA put in a bid for TLG if the association did not win the bid on the 2025 ICMA conference.

Hankerson then asked if there were other member issues that needed to be addressed. Members discussed the option to move the spring meeting away from Athens.

Al Crace: "Athens offers a good foundation, but competition is also a good thing."

James Woods: likes having one stationary conference

Cleatus Phillips: agreed with one stationary conference

Blaine Williams: Athens doesn't take GCCMA for granted; the Classic Center has more space to offer; the product is something to appreciate; walkable downtown; multiple hotels to choose from

Peggy Merriss: reconsider resort locations for fall conferences

Isaiah Hugley: conferences are an opportunity for exposure of city and profession; Significant economic impact; promote the profession while exposing members to new cities.

In conclusion of the conversation, options will be discussed about Fall meetings and Spring conferences after 2018. The committee will be chaired by Scott Johnson.

President Hankerson then adjourned the business meeting after hearing no other business.