

MINUTES

LEAGUE OF ARIZONA CITIES AND TOWNS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Friday, February 14, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.
League Office Building
1820 West Washington, Phoenix

MEMBERS

President

Doug Von Gausig, Mayor, Clarkdale

Vice President

Mark Mitchell, Mayor, Tempe

Treasurer

Jay Tibshraeny, Mayor, Chandler

Marie Lopez Rogers, Mayor, Avondale
Gilbert Lopez, Councilmember, Coolidge
Lana Mook, Mayor, El Mirage
John Lewis, Mayor, Gilbert
Jerry Weiers, Mayor, Glendale

Mark Nexsen, Mayor, Lake Havasu City
Thomas L. Schoaf, Mayor, Litchfield Park
Ed Honea, Mayor, Marana*
Scott Smith, Mayor, Mesa
Kenny Evans, Mayor, Payson
Bob Barrett, Mayor, Peoria
Greg Stanton, Mayor, Phoenix
Harvey Skoog, Mayor, Prescott Valley
Lynne Skelton, Vice Mayor, Sahuarita*
W.J. "Jim" Lane, Mayor, Scottsdale
Rob Adams, Mayor, Sedona
Rick Mueller, Mayor, Sierra Vista
Sharon Wolcott, Mayor, Surprise*
Bob Rivera, Mayor, Thatcher
Jonathan Rothschild, Mayor, Tucson*

**Not in attendance*

League President Doug Von Gausig called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m.

1. REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Mayor Rob Adams moved to approve minutes of November 22, 2013 Executive Committee meeting as presented; Mayor Rick Mueller seconded the motion. Vote: unanimous.

2. LEGISLATIVE REPORT / STATE BUDGET REPORT

President Von Gausig recognized League Executive Director to give the legislative report. Mr. Strobeck reported on SB1413, the TPT tax exemption for electricity used in manufacturing and smelting. League Legislative Director René Guillen reviewed bills of concern to the League. He noted that the legislative division is monitoring several bills including ones that consist of technical changes to the legislation passed last year. They will include these in the 2014 New Laws Report. The Executive Committee further discussed SB1413 and decided to oppose the bill unless the issues of concern to cities and towns were successfully addressed.

3. REPORT FROM BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE

Mayor Mark Nexsen, Chairman of the League Budget Subcommittee, presented the tentative budget and discussed the possibility of an increase in dues based on a change in the base amount and population adjustments. After discussion, the Executive Committee decided not to make any changes to the dues for the 2014-15 year. Mayor Rob Adams moved to approve the dues at the present level; Mayor Jim Lane seconded the motion. Vote: unanimous.

4. REPORT FROM GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

League Executive Director Ken Strobeck reviewed the draft revised League Constitution based on the Governance Committee discussion. Mr. Strobeck noted that there had been several proposals to make changes to the document and that the draft presented represents the consensus of the committee discussion. President Von Gausig noted that the draft document anticipates the creation of League by-laws in the future. He also said a future task will be to review and make recommendations on ways to change the League's resolutions process. The Executive Committee discussed several sections of the draft document and requested changes in some sections before it is approved for presentation to the entire membership.

5. 2014 CONFERENCE UPDATE

League Communication and Education Director Matt Lore updated the Executive Committee on the dates and plans for the upcoming 2014 League Annual Conference held at the Sheraton in downtown Phoenix. Mayor Lopez Rogers provided ideas that they discussed at a meeting to make changes to the conference program. Next, Mr. Lore asked for the assistance of Executive Committee members in securing sponsorships for the conferences by contacting those who have not renewed and thanking those that have.

6. UPDATE FROM USCM / NLC CONGRESSIONAL CITIES CONFERENCE REPORT

Mayor Scott Smith reported on the United States Conference of Mayors Winter Meeting noting on issues of concern to the Executive Committee. Then Mayor Marie Lopez Rogers also noted that the National League of Cities has addressed some of the same concerns as USCM. Mayor Lopez Rogers also noted that she is tasked by NLC to increase membership within the state.

Mr. Strobeck informed the committee of Arizona-related events and meetings at the NLC Congressional Cities Conference.

7. RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER

President Von Gausig recognized outgoing Executive Committee Member and former Mayor of Yuma Alan Krieger.

Mayor Rivera moved to approve the Resolution of Appreciation for former Mayor Alan Krieger; Mayor Rick Mueller seconded the motion. Vote: unanimous.


8. EXECUTIVE SESSION: DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE PROPERTY PURCHASE

The committee moved to convene in executive session to discuss possible property purchase: Motion by Mayor Evans; second by Mayor Mueller.

Seeing no further business, President Von Gausig adjourned the meeting at 12:05 p.m.



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



PRESIDENT