

**MINUTES**

**LEAGUE OF ARIZONA CITIES AND TOWNS**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

Friday, February 15, 2013, 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  
John Salem, Mayor, Kingman

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  
Bob Rivera, Mayor, Thatcher  
Jonathan Rothschild, Mayor, Tucson  
Alan Krieger, Mayor, Yuma\*

*\*Not in attendance*

League President Doug Von Gausig called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

**1. REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Move to approve minutes of November 9, 2012, Executive Committee meeting as presented: Mayor Rob Adams; second: Mayor Rick Mueller. Vote: unanimous.

**2. CONSIDERATION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT**

Move to appoint Mayor Jerry Weiers from Glendale to the vacant seat left from Mayor Elaine Scruggs term end. Mayor Kenny Evans motioned for approval, Mayor Lynne Skelton seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Move to appoint Mayor Sharon Wolcott from Surprise to the vacant position left from the passing of Councilmember Gerry Whipple. Mayor John Salem motioned for approval, Mayor Kenny Evans seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

### **3. LEGISLATIVE REPORT/STATE BUDGET UPDATE**

Legislative Director, René Guillen Jr. introduced the League's newest legislative associate, Ryan Peters. Mr. Peters formerly served as an intergovernmental program coordinator with the city of Glendale prior to joining the League. Bills of interest were then brought to the committee's attention. Mr. Guillen said the League is tracking 296 bills that have a local impact, whereas last year 382 measures were tracked. Mr. Guillen reviewed the list of bills and highlighted any action that the League has taken. Mr. Guillen concluded with HB 2657, the league's highest priority bill that contains the governor's proposal on Transaction Privilege Tax reform. Mr. Guillen informed the committee on the three major components of the bill that cities and towns oppose. A few mayors also reported on a meeting they had at the governor's office. Mayors then communicated that they are willing to work with the governor to accomplish simplification goals. They also expressed concern over the state's audit approach.

### **4. REPORT FROM COMMUNICATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

President Von Gausig recognized Mayor Salem to report on the Communications Subcommittee. Mayor Salem thanked League staff and Ideas Collide for their efforts on the new League public awareness campaign. League Communication & Education Director Matt Lore provided background on the League's previous PR campaign and explained how ideas for the current AZCities@Work campaign were developed. Mr. Lore then recognized consultants from the firm Ideas Collide to further explain the campaign and website, [www.azcitieswork.com](http://www.azcitieswork.com). League Communication & Education Associate Mary Vinzant informed the committee how the campaign will be utilized to educate citizens on the work Arizona cities and towns do each day as well as highlighting the many services local governments provide. Mr. Lore concluded by saying that this will be an ongoing campaign and the success of the campaign will depend on the involvement of each and every city and town in Arizona.

### **5. REPORT FROM BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE**

Mayor Von Gausig then recognized Mayor Mark Nexsen, chairman of the Budget Subcommittee, to provide an update on the committee's recommendations for the League and Property Corporation budgets for FY2013-14, as well as the recommended League dues for FY2013-14. Mayor Nexsen outlined changes to the proposed budget, noting that there would be \$39,000 more in expenditures than the revenues projected, but that the subcommittee elected to use a portion of the fund balance from FY2012-13 for these expenditures. Mayor Von Gausig noted that members of the committee will vote on the proposed budget at their next meeting in May, though the League dues were to be approved at today's meeting in order to provide information to cities and towns prior to the adoption of their annual budgets. Mayor Nexsen then discussed the League dues, which the subcommittee recommended to remain unchanged from the FY2012-13 rates.

Mayor John Salem moved to approve the FY2013-14 dues as presented; Councilmember Gilbert Lopez seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

### **6. BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE POLICY & PRACTICES**

Next, Mayor Mark Nexsen highlighted the policy and procedures document for the Budget Subcommittee that was submitted for approval. The policy would allow for the subcommittee to adjust the amounts budgeted for individual line items, as long as the total expenditures stay within the approved budget. After discussion, Mayor Salem made a motion for the Budget Subcommittee to have the authority to move funds as necessary within individual line items, while keeping the total budget within is the amounts approved by the Executive Committee. Mayor Harvey Skoog seconded the motion and it carried

unanimously. Mayor Von Gausig thanked Mayor Nexsen and members of the Budget Subcommittee for their work on the budget process.

## 7. REVIEW OF AMICUS CASES & PROCESSES

President Von Gausig then recognized League Executive Director Ken Strobeck to provide an update on the amicus briefs filed by the League in the past year. Mr. Strobeck reviewed the document in members' packets, highlighted amicus briefs filed on behalf of Mesa, Marana and Sedona. Mr. Strobeck then requested that members review the proposed procedures for municipal requests of the League's participation as *amicus curiae*. These procedures would provide League staff guidelines in drafting these briefs, as well as formalize the process for evaluating requests.

Mayor Bob Rivera moved that the procedures be approved as stated in the document; Mayor Bob Barrett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

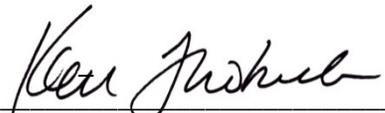
## 8. NLC LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Mayor Von Gausig called on Mayor Marie Lopez Rogers, current President of the National League of Cities (NLC), to provide an update on NLC matters. Mayor Lopez Rogers noted that current NLC priorities include: Internet sales tax collection, preservation of tax free municipal bonds, and immigration reform. In addition NLC had hired a new executive director, Clarence Anthony, who formerly served as president of the association. Mayor Rogers concluded by encouraging all present to attend the upcoming NLC conference in Washington DC.

Mayor Von Gausig thanked Mayor Lopez-Rogers and Mayor Scott Smith for their service on the NLC and U.S. Conference of Mayors Executive Boards.

Mayor Von Gausig also recognized a League employee, Sandy Morari, who marked her 29<sup>th</sup> anniversary of service to the League on February 15, 2013. Lastly, Mayor Von Gausig noted the passing of League Life Member Hugh Guinn, who was a former mayor of Casa Grande and president of the League of Arizona Cities and Towns in 1982.

Mayor Doug Von Gausig adjourned the meeting at 11:58 a.m.

  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

  
PRESIDENT