

MINUTES

LEAGUE OF ARIZONA CITIES AND TOWNS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, August 25, 2010
Renaissance Glendale Hotel
9495 W. Coyotes Boulevard
Glendale, AZ 85305

MEMBERS

President

Boyd Dunn, Mayor, Chandler

Thomas L. Schoaf, Mayor, Litchfield Park
Scott Smith, Mayor, Mesa

Vice President

Robert Walkup, Mayor, Tucson

Kenny Evans, Mayor, Payson

Bob Barrett, Mayor, Peoria*

Marie Lopez Rogers, Mayor, Avondale
Doug Von Gausig, Mayor, Clarkdale
Gilbert Lopez, Councilmember, Coolidge
Byron Jackson, Mayor, Eloy
Elaine M. Scruggs, Mayor, Glendale
Fernando Shipley, Mayor, Globe
Jim Cavanaugh, Mayor, Goodyear
Mark Nexsen, Mayor, Lake Havasu City

Claude Mattox, Councilmember, Phoenix
Harvey Skoog, Mayor, Prescott Valley
Lynne Skelton, Mayor, Sahuarita
W.J. "Jim" Lane, Mayor, Scottsdale
Rob Adams, Mayor, Sedona*
Gerry Whipple, Councilmember, Show Low
Robert Strain, Mayor, Sierra Vista
Mark Mitchell, Councilmember, Tempe
Bob Rivera, Mayor, Thatcher

**Not in attendance*

President Dunn called the meeting to order at 12:24 p.m.

1. REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF MINUTES

President Dunn asked members to review the minutes as presented. Mayor Rivera moved that the minutes of the May 14, 2010, Executive Committee meetings be approved. Mayor Evans seconded the motion and it carried. President Dunn also took time to thank Mayor Scruggs for all of the work the city of Glendale put into hosting the 2010 League Conference and also for her assistance in securing new sponsorship dollars. As conference host mayor, Mayor Scruggs then recognized the winners of the League's sponsorship competition: Mayor Cavanaugh of Goodyear and Mayor Meck of Buckeye. Both Mayor Scruggs and President Dunn commented on the importance of conference sponsorship and working to maintain relationships with current partners for future conferences.

2. ELECTIONS ANALYSIS

Next, President Dunn called on League Legislative Director Jeff Kros to provide a brief summary of the primary election results from Tuesday, August 24, 2010. Jeff reviewed the results with the committee, noting that many elections were still too close to call. Longtime League Friend and

Champion Bill Konopnicki lost his primary, as did recent Friend David Braswell. In other races, Champion Adam Driggs and Friend Nancy Barto prevailed. The makeup of the Senate will be important as the Senate presidency will hang in the balance. That office will determine the fate of many legislative issues.

3. 1070/2162 UPDATE

President Dunn then recognized Executive Director Ken Strobeck to report on the status of the immigration bill. He noted that the recent federal judge's ruling temporarily struck down the portions of the bill that the League had the most concerns about, pointing out the Risk Pool's amicus brief and the judge's ruling are very similar to each other. The portions of 2162 that the League worked on remained intact. Lastly, Ken mentioned that there would be an Appeals Court hearing this fall. The League expects more immigration legislation next session, though the amount will depend on who is in leadership, especially on the Senate side.

4. VALLEY SCHOOLS HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM

Next, Ken Strobeck updated the committee on a new partnership with the Valley Schools Health Insurance Program. The League has received its health insurance program through the Valley Schools Employee Benefits Trust (VSEBT) for the past two years. Recently Valley Schools developed a new program that is available to cities and towns, which allows municipalities to take advantage of VSEBT's large purchasing pool while still allowing them to choose their own carriers and benefit design. Ken mentioned Queen Creek as an example of a town that had already signed up and said the League would be partnering with VSEBT to market the program. Ken also explained that the League will receive a small royalty fee for any city or town that signs up, as another non-dues source of revenue.

5. OTHER LEAGUE SERVICES

President Dunn then recognized Tom Belshe, the League's Deputy Director, to provide a presentation on the many services the League provides in addition to legislative advocacy and educational trainings. The presentation highlighted services that were grouped into four categories: inquiry service, publications, public meetings and affiliate groups. As part of the League's inquiry service, the organization receives hundreds of calls each month from elected officials, city staff and members of the media with questions ranging from incorporation to budgeting, finance and taxation. If staff is unable to answer a question in-house, the League maintains several close relationships with various state agencies such as DOR and DES, and will refer members to the appropriate contact.

In addition to the organization's inquiry service, the League produces numerous publications that are distributed to its members each year, including the Model City Tax Code, the Election Manual, a Guide to Preparing and Adopting Local Laws, as well as the Budget and Finance Manual, among several others. Tom also highlighted the many public meetings, council retreats and presentations the League regularly attends and participates in. Executive Director Ken Strobeck and Deputy Director Tom Belshe regularly travel to cities and towns to present on the council-manager form of government and open meeting law requirements, among other topics. Also of note was the League's involvement in the incorporation of the state's newest municipality, Tusayan, as well as the assistance the organization provided the Towns of Snowflake and Taylor when the municipalities considered consolidation earlier this year.

Lastly, Tom highlighted the League's partnership with several affiliate groups, including the Arizona Attorneys Association (ACAA), the Arizona City/County Management Association (ACMA), the Arizona Municipal Clerks Association (AMCA) and the Government Finance Officers Association of Arizona (GFOAz) – all of which serve as a resource and common link for municipal staff. The League provides professional management services to ACMA and GFOAz, and also helps to plan and coordinate conferences and trainings for ACAA and AMCA.

6. NLC UPDATE/LET'S MOVE AMERICA PROGRAM

President Dunn called on Executive Director Ken Strobeck for an update on the upcoming 2010 NLC Conference in Denver, as well as the 2011 Conference in Phoenix. Ken noted that the 2010 NLC Conference would be in Denver from November 30 – December 4, and that members had received registration information in their packets in case there was interest in attending. Ken also updated the committee on the recent NLC meeting in Riverside, California, where the NLC Board of Directors discussed whether to keep the 2011 national conference in Phoenix in the wake of the controversy surrounding SB1070. After a long and contentious discussion, the board voted to support a member city and keep Phoenix as the host of the 2011 conference. Present at the meeting were Councilmember Mark Mitchell of Tempe and Councilmember Dennis Kavanaugh, who both serve on the NLC Board, as well as Mayor Phil Gordon, Councilmember Michael Johnson of Phoenix and League Director Ken Strobeck.

Next, Ken shared information with the committee on a campaign from the White House that was introduced to him at the League Directors Workshop in Maryland. The new program, "Let's Move America," is the First Lady's initiative against childhood obesity. Ken requested guidance from the Executive Committee as to whether members would like staff to distribute materials to all cities and towns. President Dunn and members agreed to have staff distribute the materials in order to allow cities and towns to decide if the program was viable in their own communities.

President Dunn then mentioned that Mayor Lopez Rogers of Avondale had an update for the committee. Mayor Lopez Rogers explained that she intends to run for 2nd Vice President of NLC and asked for the Executive Committee's endorsement of her candidacy. Mayor Von Gausig made a motion to endorse Mayor Lopez Rogers' candidacy; Mayor Skoog seconded the motion and it carried.

President Dunn again called on Ken Strobeck for any miscellaneous meeting items. Ken mentioned the League's recent insert in the Arizona Capitol Times that was included in part of the newspaper's sponsorship of the conference. The 12-page insert was designed and written in-house, and provided excellent exposure for the League as it was distributed to the paper's entire member mailing list.

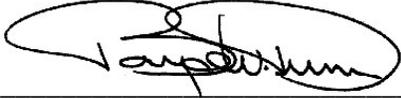
Lastly, Mayor Walkup of Tucson thanked outgoing League President Boyd Dunn for his leadership over the past four years. Members of the committee applauded Mayor Dunn for his work and efforts. Mayor Dunn thanked the committee and said it had been a pleasure serving as president.

8. ADJOURNMENT

President Dunn asked if there was any other business. Seeing none, President Dunn adjourned the meeting by proclamation at 1:15 p.m.



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



PRESIDENT