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Board of Directors Meeting

Zoom

April 27, 2021

Minutes

In Attendance: Becky Berger, Jonathan Mitchell, Nathan Law, Jennifer Cunningham, JD Gilbert, Ty Lasher, Barack Matite, Michael Ort, Todd Pelham, Ethan Reimer, Phillip Smith-Hanes, Taggart Wall, and Kathy Sexton. **Senior Advisor:** Larry Paine. **Guest:** Diane Stoddard. **League Staff:** Trey Cocking, Kate Cooley, and Kaitlyn Willis. **Absent:** Jason Hilgers.

1. **Call Meeting to Order.** President Berger called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.
2. **Approval of Minutes.** Mitchell moved and Cunningham seconded a motion to approve the minutes from February 4, 2021. Motion was approved.
3. **Treasurer's Report.** Cunningham reviewed the financial statements and discussed the balances.
 - a. **Approve Financial Statement.** Ort moved and Law seconded a motion to approve the financial statement. Motion was approved.
 - b. **Approve Quarterly Invoice.** Law moved and Ort seconded a motion to approve the quarterly invoice. Motion was approved.
4. **ICMA.** Stoddard reported that the deadline to apply to be a volunteer for an ICMA Committee is May 7. Stoddard also reviewed ICMA's racial equity and social just initiatives and the Executive Board's priorities: law enforcement, rebuilding communities, and regional representation and apportionment.
5. **Committee Reports**
 - a. **Awards/Recognition.**
 - i. **Scholarships.** Law discussed the Awards Committee recommendations that were included in the packet. Lucas Peterson (KU) was selected to receive the Virgil Basgall Scholarship of \$3,000; Taylor Belvill (WSU) and Sabrina DeSantis (KSU) were selected for the KACM Scholarships of \$2,000 each; and Samantha Moon (City of Osawatomie) was selected for a Rising Star Scholarship of \$2,000. Wall moved and Smith-Hanes seconded a motion to approve the Awards Committee scholarship recommendations. Motion was approved.
 - ii. **Awards.** Law discussed the committee's recommendations for awards to present at the annual conference:



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1. **Tenure Award:** Plaques that can be presented to anyone who has been a member of KACM for 20 or more years at 5-year increments. Certificates can be given to anyone who has been a member for 5, 10, or 15 years.
2. **Leadership Award:** A desk award that can be presented to a KACM member who has led an organization or community through a difficult time and upholds ICMA's Code of Ethics.
3. **Sunflower Award:** A desk award that can be presented to a KACM member who works closely with other government levels to help with city legislation.

The board discussed the criteria and how to increase nominations with help from the League and Senior Advisors. Lasher moved and Law seconded a motion to approve the additional awards. Motion was approved.

- iii. **Life Members.** Law reported that the committee recommended granting life memberships to Dennis Kissinger at the Spring Conference, and Curtis Freeland at the Annual Conference. Mitchell moved and Lasher seconded a motion to grant life memberships to Dennis Kissinger and Curtis Freeland. Motion was approved.

a. **Conference Planning.**

- i. **Govapalooza.** Mitchell discussed this virtual event hosted by the Alliance for Innovation (Alliance) on March 1-5. Participation was lower than expected, so the Alliance has requested to keep KACM's deposit and portion of earnings to use for a future event. The board discussed this request, and the consensus was to take back the deposit and donate the earnings of \$3,283.50 to KACM's foundation fund.
- ii. **KCCM Spring Conference.** Mitchell discussed KU's virtual Spring KCCM Conference that will be held on Friday, April 30.
- iii. **Planning for 2021 KACM Conference.** Mitchell discussed KACM's Annual Conference in Atchison that will be held December 1-3. Cooley asked board members to send her topic ideas.

b. **Ethics.** No report.

c. **Foundation Fund Trustees.**

- i. Sexton reported that the committee has been requesting corporate donations and preparing for a booth at the League Annual Conference in October. The committee is also planning an annual fundraiser dinner the evening before the WSU Winter Seminar in February. This event would be hosted by the Foundation Fund and allow the committee to report to the membership and honor people who have made significant donations. The board discussed the dinner and plans for fundraising.



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- d. **Membership.**
 - i. **Business Affiliate Membership.** Wall discussed the business affiliate membership benefits and reported that he will reach out to the League and other state management associations to discuss their business memberships.
 - e. **Website.** Reimer discussed setting up a small committee to discuss KACM's digital marketing strategy moving forward. The board discussed KACM's presence on different social media platforms and how to increase engagement. The consensus was to form this committee and encourage members to sign up for it on the listserv.
6. **University Liaisons Report.** The board discussed requesting KACM members to sign up to be university liaisons for KSU, KU, and WSU at the membership meeting on Friday, April 30.
7. **Senior Advisors Report.** Paine gave an update on the Senior Advisors activities, and Berger shared that a retired KACM member has expressed interest in becoming a senior advisor.
8. **KACM Membership Meeting Agenda.** The board reviewed the membership meeting agenda. The agenda was amended to add a university liaisons report and have Trey Cocking give the conference committee report. Smith-Hanes moved and Matite seconded a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Motion was approved.
9. **Next Board Meeting Date/Time:** The board discussed whether to host a summer retreat virtually or in person in Atchison. The consensus was hold this in person in August for a full day. A doodle poll will be sent out to select a date and time.
10. **Adjourn.** The meeting was adjourned at 4:27 p.m.