



SCA Board of Directors MINUTES

November 28, 2012 10:00 AM
Renton City Hall
1055 South Grady Way, Renton 98057

1. Denis Law, SCA President, called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.
Members present: Chris Eggen, Ken Hearing, David Johnston, Matt Larson, Pete Lewis, John Marchione, Jamie Perry, Bob Sternoff
Members absent: Dini Duclos, Don Gerend, Mia Gregerson, Dave Hill
Staff present: Deanna Dawson, Kristy Burwell
2. Pete Lewis moved, seconded by Bob Sternoff, to approve the Consent Agenda. Matt Larson clarified that at the November 14, 2012 SCA Annual Meeting the motion to adopt the recommended amendments to the SCA Articles of Incorporation includes that the name of the organization would be changed to Sound Cities Association. Executive Director Deanna Dawson continued that Registered Parliamentarian Ann Macfarlane, from Jurassic Parliament, advised that the Annual Meeting Minutes should be approved by the SCA Board of Directors and not to wait a year for the SCA Membership to approve them.

The motion passed unanimously.

3. President Law requested that the Public Issues Committee (PIC) Report be moved up in the agenda items since Pete Lewis needed to leave the meeting early. All members agreed to move agenda item 7 to agenda item 3.

Pete Lewis reported that the Public Issues Committee (PIC) has recommended a slate of appointees for the 2013 regional committee and board appointments. He complimented the hard work of the PIC Nominating Committee and ability to balance the geographical areas within each SCA caucus. The new policy to cap the number of years an appointee can serve as a member on a committee will create a mix of new and seasoned members. Lewis asked that the SCA Board of Directors report at the SCA Committee Appointee Orientation in January that members who will be rotating off a committee, due to their number of years on that committee, mentor and train a newer member to ensure that the history of the committee and other necessary information.

Pete Lewis moved, seconded by Bob Sternoff, to approve the PIC recommended 2013 committee appointments. During discussion of this motion, ED Dawson commented that Federal Way Councilmember Susan Honda was not appointed to a committee. Councilmember Honda applied for two committees that have high number of nominees and the PIC Nominating Committee preferred that the SCA Board of Directors make the final decision.

Pete Lewis moved, seconded by Bob Sternoff, to make a friendly amendment to add Federal Way Councilmember Susan Honda to the Domestic Violence Initiative (DVI) and remove Renton Councilmember Greg Taylor. The amendment passed unanimously.

The motion as amended passed unanimously.

David Johnston suggested that the SCA Caucus' of committees and boards have alternates even if they are not formally recognized by the Committee or Board. Pete Lewis commented that SCA had designated alternates that would attend the SCA Caucus meetings as well as the committee meetings, as audience members. It is an easy transition if a seat becomes available on the committee. Lewis encourages the PIC Nominating Committee to establish alternates to all committees for 2014. ED Dawson added that although many committees don't recognize alternates, she encourages everyone to attend committee meetings if they are interested and therefore easy to move them into a member position on that committee when vacancy occurs. ED Dawson added that PSRC recognizes 2nd alternates!

Pete Lewis thanked the work of the staff for Regional Policy Committee (RPC). RPC looks at all countywide policies and SCA has the opportunity to set the agenda. He encourages SCA to set an agenda in each SCA Caucus.

Pete Lewis requested the Board Nominating Committee to address the number of years that a director can be Chair of the Board of Directors. In his experience, Lewis explained that just as the King County Executive and SCA Board Chair achieve good momentum, a new chair is elected and the process starts over.

4. President Denis Law thanked the SCA Board of Directors for their hard work this year on a very progressive work plan. SCA has added value to its membership. It is exciting that so many people are positive about the name change of SCA to Sound Cities Association.

President Law reported that the Board Nominating Committee will include Ken Hearing, the Immediate Past President of the Board as dictated by the SCA Bylaws and the Snoqualmie Valley Caucus representative; Pete Lewis, South Caucus representative; and Dave Hill; South Valley Caucus representative. President Law asked if there was a volunteer for the North Caucus and Chris Eggen volunteered. President Law thanked the volunteers of the 2013 SCA Board Nominating Committee.

5. Executive Director Deanna Dawson echoed President Law that many people are already recognizing SCA as Sound Cities Association. The new SCA website should be active at the end of 2012. SCA is aiming to issue a media release at the beginning of 2013. ED Dawson is reaching out to different circles to explain the role and benefits of SCA to its members and the region as well as learn how SCA and other organizations can work together on common goals.

ED Dawson met with the Human Services Alliance this week. Most cities in King County will be contacted by champions in the human services field regarding a proposal that will be brought forward regarding a sales tax for human services and public safety. The Human Services Alliance is hoping for a 3/10 of 1% sales tax, but could be 1/10 of 1% sales tax. Forty percent of this sales tax revenue would go to cities in King County based on population. ED Dawson encouraged members to request that the supplant language is included. The Human Services Alliance is working with the King County Executive to amend the law so that the vote would be done councilmanically. A full report will be presented to the Metropolitan King County Council in April by the Human Services Alliance.

ED Dawson asked for input on the selection of the facilitator for the January 4 2013 SCA Board Retreat. Members agreed that Andrew Ballard from Marketing Solutions did an outstanding job at the 2012 Retreat and would like to have him return as the facilitator for the 2013 Retreat. If Andrew is not available, members agreed that Jim Reid would be the second choice. ED Dawson asked for goals for 2013. Suggestions included: executing the new platform built in 2012; each SCA Caucus should have an agenda; spreading jobs around the region, not just in clusters; and consistency, transparency, and unified direction. A potential theme of the retreat is “How do we add value?”

Chris Eggen asked if there will be a forum on the new website where SCA members can pose questions and receive feedback from other members. An example of a forum topic could be budget processes and strategies. ED Dawson said that a forum could be included in the members portal of the new website.

6. David Johnston reported that at the November meeting of the City Managers and Administrators there was an update given by Steve Nelson, Executive Director of the LEOFF Plan 2 Retirement Board, regarding the status of State Pension Funds for PERS and LEOFF Plans. Actuarial statistics show that there will be continuing contribution increases for retirement funds.
7. For the good of the order
Ken Hearing commented that he’s been on the SCA Board of Directors for six years.
Denis Law thanked Directors for attending.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:31 a.m.