

SOUTHERN INTERIOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
Minutes of Executive Meeting – Wednesday, November 4, 2015
Meeting held at Merritt City Hall, Merritt, BC

MEMBERS PRESENT

President	Councillor Chad Eliason
1 st Vice President	Councillor Shelley Sim
2nd Vice President	Director Patty Hanson
Directors	Councillor Lori Mindnich
	Director Willow MacDonald
	Councillor Diana Guerin
	Councillor Donovan Cavers
	Councillor Helena Konanz
	Councillor Charlie Hodge (arrived 10:10 am)
	Director Mike Macnabb (by phone)
Executive Director	Alison Slater
Absent	
Past President	Councillor Marg Spina

CALL TO ORDER

President Eliason called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

Mayor Neil Menard greeted the board and provided the following update on Merritt.

- Green Energy Plant will be on stream in November
- BC Hydro substation completed. Switch over will happen on November 13th with extra energy generated going into the grid
- Centennials junior hockey team longest running junior team in the country – going into their 43rd season
- City has a new CAO – Shawn Boven and a new Finance Officer Sheila Theissen.
- Merritt is in good shape, working on increasing tourism opportunities

CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA

Moved/Seconded by Donovan Cavers/Diana Guerin THAT:

The agenda to be adopted with the following addition:
New Business
3. SILGA Website

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved/Seconded by Diana Guerin/Helena Konanz THAT:

The draft minutes of the Executive Meeting held at UBCM on September 21st, 2015 be adopted.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Finance 101

- 28 attended the Kamloops session while 18 attended the W. Kelowna session. Almost 25% of SILGA members attended.
- Feedback – course was dry, but informative.
- Course is very necessary for all elected officials especially those that sit on not-for-profit boards
- Cost was \$2,200 (net) for both sessions
- For future, send out as an e invitation to members

For future education sessions, from the SILGA strategic plan

- 1st nations relations
- Economic Readiness
- Hot topic resolution
- Public engagement tools

➤ SILGA board will discuss which session to do in fall of 2016 at their next meeting.

2. Minister meetings at UBCM

- No correspondence received back from any ministry
- SILGA will send out letters to all the ministers they met with (Premier, Transportation, Environment, Accessibility, Education, Agriculture and the Leader of the Opposition) thanking them for their time and repeating our issues.

Accessibility meeting

- Board members didn't feel we were receptive to Minister Stilwell's needs and the meeting was initially awkward
- President Eliason didn't feel SILGA was the right avenue to disseminate her ministry needs as SILGA doesn't have the resources, time or in house expertise. He believed Minister Stilwell also didn't understand the Area Association roles as they relate to local governments and provincial ministries.
- SILGA needs to support what direction the Accessibility Ministry is doing and help our members find out information on how to access grants for mobility/disability issues.
- SILGA will consider adding her ministry to our line up of convention speakers
- SILGA will also send out letter asking the Accessibility ministry how we would be able to support their initiatives.

3. Powerpoint presentation for Road Show

- Road show will happen in January/February in order to coincide with the promotion of the convention.
- Add the strategic plan focuses to the powerpoint.

NEW BUSINESS

1. BDO Roundtable meeting with elected officials – BDO to cover all costs, Want to get a group of 10-12 newly elected and long term local officials to help with identifying financial issues. This is an information gathering session for the accountants.

Moved/Seconded by Willow Macdonald/Charlie Hodge THAT:

SILGA work with BDO to communicate with locally elected officials that might be interested in helping out with this roundtable discussion group.

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2. Flag poles at convention. City of Kamloops has misplaced the flag poles and base for displaying the member flags at the convention. SILGA board agrees the flags are needed and will help pay for new bases and stands with the City of Kamloops will covering the majority of the costs.
3. Website/Branding/app for convention

Communication committee (Donovan/Charlie) to research and prepare report for next meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Finance Report - Executive Director Alison Slater

- As at September 30, 2015 SILGA had \$ 16,382 in the bank and \$131,494 in the MFA account.
- Directors were in receipt of the General Ledger and MFA account reconciliation to September 30, 2015.
- Next meeting an amended membership fee structure will be discussed.

Moved/Seconded by Diana Guerin/Willow Macdonald THAT:
The Treasurer's report be received.

CARRIED

2. Convention Report – Kelowna 2016

- George Abbott is committed to speaking.
- Bob Turner, the Head of United Nations for Gaza Strip and the World Relief program for Haiti is also speaking on how to manage limited resources as it relates to local government.
- No keynote yet.
- Tours will be landfill, Mission Sports complex and a walk of the Kelowna downtown showing revitalization projects
- Non-denominational welcome will remain in place.

Moved/Seconded by Willow MacDonald/Shelley Sim THAT:

Host committee retainer of \$10000 will be re-evaluated upon receipt of Kelowna staff hours. Retainer at current levels will remain in place until Sun Peaks 2017.

CARRIED

Consideration to host has to be the economic incentive for the member and the opportunity to showcase their community.

3. Resolutions Committee

- Request for resolutions go out in December; close February 19th
- meeting in February 24th (no later)

4. Nominations Committee

- Call for nominations go out in December with closing February 19th

5. MIA representative from SILGA – President Chad Eliason

Moved/Seconded by Mike Macnabb/Shelley Sim THAT:

Meeting to go into an in camera session at 11:30 am.

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Moved/Seconded by Willow Macdonald/Diana Guerin THAT:
Meeting to leave in camera session at 12:37 pm.

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Date of Next Meeting - January 27th in Salmon Arm

Adjournment

Moved/Seconded by Willow Macdonald/Charlie Hodge THAT:

At 12:38 pm the SILGA Executive Meeting of November 4th, 2015 be adjourned.

CARRIED

Alison Slater
Executive Director