

SOUTHERN INTERIOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
Minutes of Executive Meeting – Wednesday, November 21, 2018
Meeting held at District Offices, District of Coldstream, BC

MEMBERS PRESENT

President	Councillor Shelley Sim
1 st Vice President	Councillor Lori Mindnich
2nd Vice President	Director Karla Kozakevich
Directors	Mayor Barbara Roden
	Councillor Tim Lavery
	Mayor Robin Smith
	Mayor Toni Boot
	Councillor Judy Sentes
	Executive Director Alison Slater

Absent	Past President Councillor Chad Eliason
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CALL TO ORDER

President Sim called the meeting to order at 10:39 am.

CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA

Moved/Seconded by Lori Mindnich/Karla Kozakevich THAT:

The agenda be accepted as presented with the following addition:

Letter from Environment Minister George Heyman re: UBCM meeting

CARRIED

ROUND TABLE ON OCTOBER LOCAL ELECTIONS

- SILGA region had over 40% turnover in councils/boards. There are 79 new councillors, 18 new mayors and 15 new Electoral Area directors.
- SILGA lost three directors from its board.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. COFI convention – April 3rd to 5th in Vancouver. Both Mayor Boot and Councillor Lavery have expressed interest in attending. Staff will follow up with COFI to confirm attendance.
2. UBCM letter re: resolution to mandate area associations to schedule their conventions so as to not overlap with the Provincial Government legislative sessions.
 - SILGA needs to book facilities a couple of years in advance – but the legislative calendar has not been established.
 - There are only so many available weeks in April and May - the area associations need to avoid overlapping their own conventions.
 - In the past there hasn't been a problem getting MLA's to attend the conventions but the board does acknowledge with the current makeup of the legislature every MLA needs to be in present during the sitting of the legislature.

- SILGA will continue to end the convention at noon on Friday to allow delegates time to drive home safely.
3. CSRD letter re: SILGA Youth Initiative at UBCM convention
 - Recommended the continuation of this program
 - The 2018 SILGA Youth representative has spoken to a number of councils regarding his experience at the convention; he was well received and well-spoken and he will be speaking at the 2019 SILGA convention.
 - SILGA continues to work on increasing awareness of youth councils.
 - Penticton council will be holding their board meeting at the Penticton High School during Local Government Awareness Week in May.
 4. Ministry of Environment letter re: UBCM follow up – received for filing
 5. Ministry of Public Safety letter re: UBCM follow-up – received for filing

Moved/Seconded by Karla Kozakevich/Judy Sentes:

That the correspondence be received for filing.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. UBCM minister meetings
 - a) “State of Emergency” name change with Emergency Management BC
SILGA to send letter to follow up
 - b) Transportation Ministry re: rural road maintenance
 - Asked for increased budget for culverting/ditches/flooding issues
 - Director Kozakevich addressed the Select Standing Committee for Finance and Government Services in September and increased funding is recommendation #99 in the report.
 - SILGA asked for the Naramata Society for Responsible Infrastructure to send a letter so the board can continue the push for increased funding.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Strategic Planning Session
 - June 12th, all day, location TBA
 - Survey Monkey – ask the mayors at the convention for the top 3 issues facing their community and how can SILGA help.
2. Greyhound conference call and UBCM meeting – Transportation Minister Trevena
 - By October 26th 83% of the provincial routes were covered by private bus carriers
 - Province is funding “BC Bus North” which covers most of the northern routes from Prince George and up which were not picked up by the private sector.
 - Should the Province be subsidizing the routes in the south that are still open? Ministry doesn’t want to get involved in subsidies.
 - IHA has bus for medical services that does go to areas without bus service; IHA has indicated that they will allow the general public to buy seats if there is room.

- Local Governments are considering funding/subsidizing but note that this will be another form of downloading costs.
3. New SILGA board appointment
 - Judy Sentes, Councillor from Penticton, has been appointed to the SILGA board until the AGM in May.
 - Hand written thank you cards have been sent out to outgoing board members.
 4. Success by Six
 - funding changed to Ministry of Child and Family Development
 - New program coming through the ministry on April 1st but no information has been received yet.
 - Add to January board meeting agenda to follow up

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Finance Report

- As at October 31, 2018 SILGA had \$26,424 in the bank and \$110,237 in the MFA account.
- YTD financials show approximately \$18,000 net with around \$10,000 still to be spent until the end of the year.
- Should SILGA be continuing to pay a retainer to the host community for the convention?
- Staff to prepare separate expense cheques from payroll cheques to more clearly show the breakdown of costs.
- A column in the G/L has been added for notes to show the breakdown of large cheques.
- Directors were in receipt of the General Ledger and MFA account reconciliation to October 31, 2018.

Moved/Seconded by Lori Mindnich/Judy Sentes:

The finance report be received.

CARRIED

2. Convention Report – Penticton 2019

- Keynote speakers are booked – Joe Roberts “the Skid Row CEO”, Motivational speaker Jody Urquart, and Harry McWatters, the founder of BC Wine Association.
- Tuesday afternoon social tours are organized – Kettle Valley Railway biking, wine tour and downtown small craft potables tour.
- Wednesday morning tours are organized – Summerland Agricultural Research Facility, Downtown walking tour, and Fish Hatchery.
- Have confirmed sessions on
 - BC Housing Hub,
 - Looking forward from the Abbott/Chapman report on fires and floods,
 - Local government/native relations
- Still working to confirm breakout sessions and preconference sessions

3. Conventions 2020 and 2021

- Staff to contact Vernon for 2020 and either Salmon Arm or Kamloops for 2021

4. Communications

- November newsletter to be prepared

5. Member Services and Advocacy

- Outreach in January/February
 - Staff to get schedule to board members by early December and update PowerPoint presentation
- Education session in fall
 - With the amount of education available to local officials in 2019 by LGLA and our convention, SILGA will not offer a fall session.
- Advocacy
 - SILGA will connect with Mayor/Chairs during the convention to help the SILGA board determine priorities for UBCM minister meetings at their strategic planning session in June.

6. Policy – Consideration to include First Nations in SILGA membership

- Tabled until January meeting because of time constraints

7. Staffing

Moved/Seconded by Karla Kozakevich/Barbara Roden THAT:

At 12:40 pm the SILGA meeting move in camera

CARRIED

Date of Next Meeting – Wednesday, January 23rd in Kelowna.

Adjournment

Moved/Seconded by Karla Kozakevich/Judy Sentes THAT:

At 2:38 pm the SILGA Executive Meeting of November 21, be adjourned.

CARRIED

Alison Slater
Executive Director