

SOUTHERN INTERIOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
Minutes of Executive Meeting – Wednesday June 15, 2022
Meeting held via teleconference

MEMBERS PRESENT

President	Director Karla Kozakevich, RDOS
1 st Vice President	Mayor Toni Boot, Summerland
2 nd Vice President	Councillor Aimee Grice, Oliver
Past President	Councillor Lori Mindnich, Lumby
Directors	Councillor Tony Luck, Merritt
	Councillor Louise Wallace Richmond, Salmon Arm
	Councillor Bill Sarai, Kamloops
	Councillor Judy Sentes, Penticton
	Mayor Spencer Coyne, Princeton
	Councillor Ruth Hoyte, Coldstream
	Councillor Jen Leach, Lillooet
	General Manager Alison Slater

CALL TO ORDER

President Kozakevich called the regular board meeting to order at 8.07 am.

CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA

Moved/Seconded by Judy Sentes/Bill Sarai THAT:

The agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved/Seconded Louise Wallace Richmond/Aimee Grice THAT:

The draft minutes of the Executive Meeting held via teleconference on March 9, 2022, be adopted.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

1. West Kelowna letter re: forum for 15,000 and larger communities
 - At the 2023 SILGA convention
 - Would need to have rural and small community forums at the same time.
 - These forums would need to be moderated.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

NEW BUSINESS

1. UBCM report on responsible conduct – UBCM Executive Director Gary MacIsaac and UBCM Director of Communications Paul Taylor

- A working group comprised of LGMA, the Province and UBCM developed a variety of tools to help with relationships, deal with issues and sanctions, if necessary, at the local council/board level.
 - Procedural fairness is very important
 - A lot of councils have adopted code of conducts but a lot of these have “no teeth”, ie no enforcement.
 - Courts won’t remove elected officials from office
 - Best approach for Local Governments is to focus on prevention (including education, collaboration, and shared responsibility) and informal solutions (which allow for mutual resolutions, fairness and allow the process for resolution to move more quickly)
 - Local Governments have an option to hire an independent 3rd party to vet a complaint in a fair and transparent manner
 - Councils/boards need to learn to work together even when members disagree
 - The principles in a code of conduct will be embedded in the oath of office for new elected officials after the upcoming elections.
 - Should there be a code of conduct for citizens addressing elected officials??
2. EComm 911 presentation – Julie Decker, Director, Operations Relationship Management and Jasmine Bradley, Executive Director Communications and Public Affairs
- Federally mandated modernization of a 40-year-old technology
 - Voice service launch March 2022
 - Texting ability by July 2023
 - Decommission of old network by March 2025
 - 911 now has the ability to pinpoint exactly where the call is originating
 - Current property owners pay for this service which is not fair as 80% of calls come from cell phones
 - City of Vancouver has submitted a resolution to establish a new mandate with proposed financial changes. SILGA will write a letter to support this resolution.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Finance Report

- As at May 31, 2022 SILGA had \$73,424 in the bank and \$83,926 in the MFA account. SILGA has \$114,400 of accessible funds.
- Membership dues invoices have been sent out and 24 communities have paid already.
- Directors were in receipt of the General Ledger and MFA account reconciliation to May 31, 2022.

Moved/Seconded by Lori Mindnich/Bill Sarai that:

The SILGA signing authorities are as follows:

Any two of Bill Sarai, Louise Wallace Richmond and Alison Slater are authorized to sign on behalf of SILGA.

CARRIED

Moved/Seconded by Lori Mindnich/Louise Wallace Richmond that:

The finance report be received.

CARRIED

2. Conventions

2022 Salmon Arm

- Good reviews, except for some food issues.
- Delegates and sponsors were very pleased to be back in person.
- Financially the convention was a success as the draft financials show over \$50,000 net profit.
- Spent less money on speakers in 2022 by using local presenters. Future conventions should continue this trend.

2023 Vernon

- Tentatively booked Prestige Lodge and Prestige Hotel for venues

3. Resolutions

- 32 resolutions were supported; one resolution was withdrawn. They have been forwarded to UBCM for inclusion in the 2022 UBCM resolution book.

4. 2022-23 Committees

SILGA COMMITTEES

2022-2023

MEMBER SERVICES, EDUCATION AND ADVOCACY	➤ Karla Kozakevich ➤ Bill Sarai ➤ Louise Wallace Richmond
RESOLUTIONS	➤ Toni Boot ➤ Lori Mindnich ➤ Aimee Grice ➤ Spencer Coyne
COMMUNICATION/SOCIAL MEDIA	➤ Toni Boot ➤ Louise Wallace Richmond ➤ Aimee Grice ➤ Spencer Coyne
POLICY	➤ Ruth Hoyte ➤ Bill Sarai ➤ Tony Luck
COMMUNITY EXCELLENCE AWARDS	➤ Karla Kozakevich ➤ Jen Leach ➤ Bill Sarai ➤ Aimee Grice
UBCM REP	➤ Lori Mindnich ➤ Alternate L Wallace Richmond
UBCM YOUTH SELECTION	➤ Committee of the whole

2023 CONVENTION VERNON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Lori Mindnich ➤ Judy Sentes ➤ Louise Wallace Richmond ➤ Bill Sarai ➤ Ruth Hoyte ➤ Tony Luck
FINANCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Lori Mindnich ➤ Bill Sarai ➤ Tony Luck
NOMINATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Lori Mindnich
HUMAN RESOURCES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Lori Mindnich ➤ Karla Kozakevich ➤ Judy Sentes ➤ Spencer Coyne
ADVOCACY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Committee of the whole

5. UBCM Minister Meeting requests – staff to have a one page sheet to leave for each minister after the meeting
 - a) Emergency Management – Tony to lead
 - assistance for preparation with preparing for potential damage/mitigation
 - sandbagging for seniors – volunteers or paid help?
 - maintaining berms for flooding
 - b) BC Housing – Louise to lead
 - communities are very grateful for subsidized housing/supportive housing but often do not have the infrastructure to support the residents – ie; psych wards, RCMP, mental health services.
 - c) Agriculture – Spencer to lead
 - How can we make local food more affordable and accessible? Is there a minimum requirement to be able to sell local produce in major grocery stores?
 - Farmers want fewer government restrictions – they just want to farm.
 - SILGA is the breadbasket of the province – what can SILGA do to help the province promote locally grown food, including meat, fruit and vegetables?

6. Website development and branding – staff to get a couple of quotes using local website providers.

Moved/Seconded by Bill Sarai/Spencer Coyne that:

SILGA staff can spend up to \$5000 on a new website and branding.

CARRIED

7. Policy Manual – deferred to next meeting

8. Meeting schedule – deferred to next meeting. Virtual or in person?

Next meeting: Wednesday August 24th, virtually. 8:00 am start

Adjournment

Moved/Seconded Bill Sarai/Tony Luck that:

At 11:15 am the SILGA Executive Meeting of June 15, 2022, be adjourned.

CARRIED

Alison Slater
General Manager