

SOUTHERN INTERIOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
Minutes of Executive Meeting – October 6, 2023
Spallumcheen, BC

MEMBERS PRESENT

President	Councillor Aimee Grice, Oliver
1 st Vice President	Councillor Louise Wallace Richmond, Salmon Arm
2 nd Vice President	Councillor Bill Sarai, Kamloops
Past President	Councillor Lori Mindnich, Lumby
Directors	Councillor Barb Wiebe, Lillooet
	Mayor Spencer Coyne, Princeton
	Councillor Tasha Da Silva, West Kelowna
	Director Karen Cathcart, CSRD
	Councillor Gord Lovegrove, Kelowna
	Mayor Ward Stamer, Barriere
	General Manager Alison Slater

Absent Councillor Keith Thom, Peachland

CALL TO ORDER

President Grice called the regular board meeting to order at 10:06 am.

CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA

Moved/Seconded by Lori Mindnich/Ward Stamer THAT:

The agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved/Seconded by Bill Sarai/Spencer Coyne THAT:

The draft minutes of the Executive Meeting held via teleconference on July 19/20, 2023 be adopted.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

N/A

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. Strategic Planning Session action plan
 - Jason Johnson, the facilitator, will be forwarding the complete plan to the board.
- a) Strengthening Board member roles and responsibilities
 - i. Can Area Associations work together to streamline resolutions? If multiple AA's have approved similar resolutions, do they have to be voted on at UBCM if the majority of the province has already approved?
 - ii. Work on education re: resolutions. Ensure councils and staff know how to use the UBCM resolutions data base

- iii. Create a SILGA framework for minister meetings
 - iv. Can SILGA meet with Ministers and/or provincial staff at times other than UBCM convention? Virtual meetings would work well. Unfortunately the provincial legislature is in session during most of the SILGA convention, but ministry staff could come in the ministers' place.
- b) Enhancing Support and Engagement
- i. Develop schedule for SILGA Scoop newsletter
 - ii. Ask members for content and feedback
 - iii. Make it one page / include minutes from board meetings
- c) Empowering Effective Governance
- i. Get back to hosting meetings in person around the SILGA region
 - ii. Offer educational sessions, both in person and online depending on the topics
 - i. Local Government Budgeting 101 – in person
 - ii. Conflict of Interest - online

2. SILGA Youth at UBCM

Two students, McKenzie Gyorkos from Spallumcheen and Emily Armstrong from Salmon Arm were the SILGA Youth representatives. McKenzie showed the board a PowerPoint outlining her experiences from the UBCM convention. She attended nine minister meetings and a number of tours. Her main takeaway from the convention was communication and how important it is. *“Every community came to UBCM with issues that needed fixing, and they had to talk to the right people in order to come up with a solution. No matter how different municipalities may seem from each other, they have more in common than it appears. This was really shown to me in resolutions when elected officials around British Columbia came together to vote on what they wanted to talk to the province about. Lastly, everybody you see is human, even the politicians you see on your TV. You need to treat them like so.”*

3. Ministry meeting follow up
- Send follow up thank you letters.
4. Constitutional Resolutions – dues increase and waiving of convention fees for life members

Moved/Seconded by Spencer Coyne/Tasha Da Silva THAT:

The constitutional resolutions be sent to the membership with the following amendment:

- Existing base rate needs to be included with the dues amendment resolution

CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Finance Report

- As at August 31, 2023 SILGA had \$100,377 in the bank and \$88,131 in the MFA account.
- All but Kelowna have paid their dues.
- Directors were in receipt of the General Ledger and MFA account reconciliation to August 31, 2023.

Moved/Seconded by Spencer Coyne/Karen Cathcart that:

The financial report be received.

CARRIED

2. Conventions

- TteS Chief Rosanne Casimir to open the convention and speak at the TteS Arbour.
- Tours of the residential school, sacred site and canoeing are tentatively confirmed with details to work out.
- Sponsorship letters are ready to go.

a) 2025 Merritt

- Staff to reach out to Merritt staff to see if the community can handle the larger numbers

Next meeting: November 24th

Adjournment

Moved/Seconded Lori Mindnich/Spencer Coyne that:

At 12:52 pm the SILGA Executive Meeting of October 6th, 2023 be adjourned.

CARRIED

Alison Slater
General Manager