

SOUTHERN INTERIOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
Minutes of Executive Meeting - Wednesday January 27, 2021
Meeting held via teleconference

MEMBERS PRESENT

President	Councillor Lori Mindnich, Lumby
1 st Vice President	Director Karla Kozakevich, RDOS
2 nd Vice President	Mayor Toni Boot, Summerland
Past President	Councillor Shelley Sim, Clearwater
Directors	Councillor Bill Sarai, Kamloops
	Councillor Aimee Grice, Oliver
	Mayor Spencer Coyne, Princeton
	Councillor Barbara Wiebe, Lillooet
	Councillor Judy Sentes, Penticton
	Mayor Robin Smith, Logan Lake
	Councillor Louise Wallace Richmond, Salmon Arm
	General Manager Alison Slater

CALL TO ORDER

President Mindnich called the regular board meeting to order at 10.01 am.

CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA

Moved/Seconded THAT:

The agenda be accepted with the following addition:

Correspondence:

2. Revelstoke letter re: vaccine rollout

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved/Seconded THAT:

The draft minutes of the Executive Meeting held via teleconference on December 2, 2020 be adopted.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Vernon letter re: BC Hydro Streetlight conversion

Moved/Seconded by Bill Sarai/Spencer Coyne that:

SILGA sign on as intervenor with the BC Utilities Commission on the BC Hydro street-lighting rate application to convert streetlights from HPS to LED.

CARRIED

- SILGA will follow up with correspondence to Vernon indicating SILGA's supporting for Vernon's letter to UBCM.

2. Revelstoke letter to Minister of Health re: vaccine rollout

- acknowledged that Revelstoke is struggling to deal with the influx of winter tourists which is impacting their COVID numbers.
- discussion around how board members' local governments supported BC Health Ministry/Public Health guidelines and directions.
- Suggestion that smaller communities with limited resources can reach out to regional districts for support.
- SILGA board acknowledged many, many groups need the vaccine but don't want to undermine health/science recommendations on how the vaccine is rolled out as well as contradict the communication received from the Ministry of Health.

Moved/Seconded by Aimee Grice/Toni Boot that:

This letter is received for information and filing.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. **Constitutional Amendment** - member dues resolution – remove mention of CPI in the TBIR clause.

Moved/Seconded by Robin Smith/Aimee Grice that:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that SILGA request an amendment to the SILGA By-laws to reflect the following fee structure for each member:

2021 and beyond \$300 plus \$0.075 per capita* with a 2% annual increase

CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS**1. Finance Report**

- As at December 31, 2020 SILGA had \$19,143 in the bank and \$113,603 in the MFA account with \$954 of interest to date.
- The 2020 cash flow deficit is approximately \$26,000; revenues and expenses in 2019 will adjust this number.
- Sponsorships for the newsletters and website amounted to \$5,000, most of which were drawdowns on the 2020 convention sponsorships held by SILGA. \$34,200 is still left in retained sponsorships.
- \$30,000 will be redeemed from the MFA account to help with cash flow until 2021 membership dues come in.
- Directors and Officers insurance has been renewed until January 2022
- 5 year plan with the speaker series/ AGM was prepared for the Executive projecting a small loss in 2021.

Moved/Seconded by Spencer Coyne/Bill Sarai THAT:

SILGA charge \$200 for the whole speaker series, which includes the SILGA AGM in April, or \$40 for each session for all provincial local government officials.

CARRIED

Directors were in receipt of the General Ledger and MFA account reconciliation to December 31, 2020.

Moved/Seconded by Bill Sarai/Judy Sentes that:

The finance report be received.

CARRIED

2. **Speaker Series** – starting February 17th – have 6 presentations confirmed, one tentative and have room for one more

- Feb 17th North Shore Neighbourhood Plan and Integrated Community Planning - Jason Locke, City of Kamloops planner
- Feb 24th Mental Health and Stress from COVID-19 on Communities UBCM President Brian Frenkel
- March 3rd Communications Panel on Connectivity (tentative)
- March 10th Double Trouble Crises
Dr. Albert de Villiers, Interior Health Chief Medical Health Officer
- March 17th Cultural Mapping
Dr. Will Garrett-Petts, TRU Professor
- March 24th Perpetual Pivot: How the Best Leaders Adapt to Chaos
Dr. Mark DeVolder
- April 7th Community Engaged Research
Dr. Brett Fairbairn, TRU President
- others still to confirm – Minister Kahlon (jobs), Minister Conroy (FLNRORD), Premier Horgan

3. **Convention Planning**

- 2022 – Salmon Arm – Prestige Hotel has been tentatively confirmed for the week of April 26-29, 2022
- Merritt has received a letter from SILGA asking if council is interested in hosting. No response to date.
- Staff to reach out to W. Kelowna for future convention hosting

4. **Virtual AGM planning notes/ideas - Wednesday, April 28th**

- Minister of Municipal Affairs Josie Osborne has tentatively agreed
- Keynote speaker Diane Kalen Sukra (tentative sponsorship)

Pre-record opening remarks, financials and election results. Allow up to 10 minutes for Q and A re: financials.

- Have ample time for resolution debate. Still working on format to allow members to debate.
- Have elections done ahead of time – may need two separate elections as there may be a need for elections for Table Officers as well as for Directors at Large.
- From the social networking standpoint:
 - At lunch, have themed breakout rooms where you can lunch and learn.
 - Have a wine and social hour, Tentatively Minister Osborne will speak to open up the networking event. With breakout rooms.

5. Newsletter/Social Media

- Another newsletter will go out this week to promote the speaker series, among other things.
- Prices for ads from communications committee December meeting. Hoping to bring in up to \$10,000/yr in revenues
 - Full Page \$1,500 - \$2,000
 - Half Page \$1,000 - \$1,500
 - Quarter Page \$750 - \$1,000
- Ongoing column - Letter from the Expert?
 - ie- legal, financial, insurance, even energy
- social media rollout coming soon
 - to reach both members and interested parties outside of SILGA
 - Facebook sponsorships??

6. Resolutions

- Received one to date

Moved/Seconded by Karla Kozakevich/Bill Sarai that:

Only emergent resolutions of a regional nature received after the March 1st deadline will be considered for acceptance by the resolution committee. Submissions must include the rationale as to why the resolution would be considered emergent.

CARRIED

7. Nominations for 2021/22 board

- nominations from the existing board:
 - President: Karla Kozakevich
 - 1st Vice: Toni Boot
 - 2nd Vice: Aimee Grice
 - Directors: Bill Sarai, Barbara Wiebe, Louise Wallace Richmond, Spencer Coyne, Robin Smith, Judy Sentes

8. Community Excellence Awards

- Received 4 submissions so far from Oliver, Keremeos and Coldstream
- Deadline is February 1st.
- CEA to be presented at AGM and staff to approach sponsor

Next meeting: March 12th at 10:00 via zoom

Adjournment

Moved/Seconded Robin Smith/Aimee Grice that:

At 11:37 am the SILGA Executive Meeting of December 2, 2020 be adjourned.

CARRIED

Alison Slater