

INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF MUNICIPAL CLERKS

Annual Business Meeting
Grand Rapids, Michigan
Wednesday, May 14, 2021

Call to order

President Mary Johnston called to order the Annual Business Meeting at the 75th Annual Conference of the International Institute of Municipal Clerks at 8:00 a.m. EDT on Thursday, May 14, 2021.

Introductions and welcome

Those seated at the head table were introduced, and President Johnston welcomed all delegates and thanked them for attending the conference.

Agenda

Without objection, the agenda was approved as corrected to include Region VIII Director LuAnn Holmes, MMC, in the listing of Oath of Office for Incoming 2021 IIMC Region Directors.

Minutes

Without objection, minutes of this annual meeting were referred to the Board of Directors for approval at the mid-year meeting.

IIMC Year in Review

President Johnston provided an overview of the accomplishments made by IIMC and its members during the past year.

Financial Report

Budget Committee Chair, Petie Ruch, MMC, Beardstown, Illinois, reviewed IIMC financial Information for the Year Ended December 31, 2020, which was provided to the delegates at the meeting.

Constitutional Amendment #1

Elections Committee Chair Barbara Goeckner, MMC, explained that two proposed constitutional amendments were noticed to membership for discussion and evaluation at the annual business meeting.

The Board of Directors recommended approval of the following proposed amendment to the constitution: to amend Article VIII, Qualifications, Nominations and Elections, Section 2. Qualification of Candidates for Region Director, by striking out subsection F. requiring that a candidate must provide written support of candidacy from their state, provincial, or international association within the Region in which they are running.

After offering an opportunity for debate, President Johnston put the question to a voice vote. She declared the motion was adopted.

Member Martin Bode, CMC, Rockville, MN, doubted the accuracy of the voice vote and moved to take a counted vote. Without objection, President Johnston announced the approval of the motion and requested that Election Judges proceed with the count of the vote on the proposed constitutional amendment.

The following vote was reported:

Yes, 135
No, 48
Abstain, 1.

Several delegates indicated there had been confusion in the vote as some thought they were voting on whether to take a counted vote.

President Johnston stated that because of the possibility of any confusion, a counted vote would be retaken on the proposed constitutional amendment.

The following counted vote was reported:

Yes, 140
No, 52
Abstain, 1.

President Johnston announced that there was a majority in the affirmative, and the proposed constitutional amendment would be forwarded to the entire IIMC membership for vote within the next 60 days. If two-thirds of the votes are in the affirmative, the amendment will be effective on the 61st day following this annual meeting.

Constitution Amendment #2

The Policy Committee recommended approval of the following proposed amendment to the constitution: to amend Article II, Membership, Section 2. Definitions, Subsection E Retired Member by adding “and has not moved to another qualifying position.”

Following debate, President Johnston put the question to a voice vote. There was less than a majority in the affirmative, and the amendment will not be forwarded for vote by the entire membership. The Policy Committee will review the proposed language.

Foundation Update

Foundation President Mary Lynne Stratta, MMC, Bryan, Texas, reported that over the years the Foundation has contributed over \$1 million to education for IIMC members. Also, as of the end of March, the Foundation had over \$3 million, and the interest on those funds support IIMC education programs. She noted that a substantial gift was received from the estate of Past IIMC President Helen Kawagoe, and the Legacy Program has been renamed in her honor.

2021 Conference Resolutions

Sheri Pierce, MMC, Valdez, AK, moved adoption of the Resolution recognizing the Host Clerk for the 75th Annual Conference of the International Institute of Municipal Clerks. Resolution adopted.

Lana McPherson, MMC, DeSoto, Kansas, moved adoption of the Resolution recognizing the City of Grand Rapids, Michigan for the 75th Annual Conference of the International Institute of Municipal Clerks. Resolution adopted.

Pamela Smith, MMC, Lee County, Florida, moved adoption of the Resolution recognizing Host State of Michigan for the 75th Annual Conference of the International Institute of Municipal Clerks. Resolution adopted.

2020 Certificates of Appreciation – Outgoing IIMC Committee Chairs

Past President McPherson recognized those who had served during the 2019-2020 year.

President's Award of Merit

President Johnston presented this special award to Lana McPherson, MMC, DeSoto, Kansas.

Certificates of Appreciation – Outgoing IIMC Committee Chairs

President Johnston presented Certificates of Appreciation to Outgoing IIMC Committee Chairs:

Budget & Planning, Petie Ruch, MMC

Conference, Kerry Rozman, MMC

Education & Professional Development, Angela Johnston, MMC

Elections, Barbara Goeckner, MMC

International Relations, Sharon Cassler, MMC

Membership/Mentoring, Carrie Johnson, MMC

Policy Review, Tracy Davis, MMC

Public Relations/Marketing, Janice Almy, MMC

Records Management, Kathleen Montejo, MMC

Research & Resource, Lisa Vierling, MMC

Certificate of Appreciation – Outgoing Region Directors

President Johnston presented Certificates of Appreciation to the Outgoing IIMC Region Directors:

Region I Director Sandra Pinsonault, MMC, Dorset VT

Region III Director Sonja Tolbert, MMC, Albany, GA

Region IV Director Leticia Vacek, MMC, Trophy Club, TX

Region V Director Leon Wright, MMC, Van Buren, MI

Region VI Director Marie Moe, MMC, Portage, WI

Region VII Director Helen Ingold, MMC, Crestwood, MO

Region IX Director, Dawn Abrahamson, MMC, Vallejo, CA

Region XI Director Hans Rijs, MMC, Bodegraven-Reeuwijk, the Netherlands

Certificate of Appreciation – Outgoing Past President

President Johnston presented a certificate of appreciation to Past President Lana McPherson, MMC, DeSoto, Kansas.

Election Results

Elections Committee Chair Barbara Goeckner, MMC, reported that for the office of IIMC Vice President, 1,590 votes were cast. Mary Ann Hess received 705 votes, Leticia Vacek received 498 votes, and Petie Ruch received 387 votes. Mary Ann Hess was declared elected to the office of Vice President.

For the office of Region XI Director, 260 votes were cast. Hans Rijs received 151 votes and Eelco Groenenboom received 109 votes. Hans Rijs was declared elected as Region XI Director.

Oath of Office – Incoming Directors

President Johnston administered the oath of office to the following incoming IIMC Region Directors:

Region III Director Lee Frazier, MMC, Birmingham, AL

Region IV Director Angela Richburg, MMC, Byram, MS

Region VI Director Angie Marshall, MMC, Kingsport, TN

Region VII Director Celyn Hurtago, CMC, Garden City, KS

Region VIII Director LuAnn Holmes, MMC, Las Vegas, NV

Region IX Director Ruth Post, MMC, Philomath, OR

It was noted that the following incoming IIMC Region Directors would be sworn in at a future board meeting:

Region I Director Susan Haag, MMC, Austerlitz, NY

Region VI Director Marita Rhude, MMC, Barrett, Mn

Region XI Director Hans Rijs, MMC, the Netherlands

Oath of Office – Incoming Executive Committee

The oath of office was administered to the following executive committee members:

Immediate Past President Mary Johnston, MMC, by Denise Tokar

Vice President Mary Ann Hess, MMC, by Camilla Pitman, MMC

President Elect Pamela Smith, MMC, by Mary Lynn Stratta, MMC

President Sheri Pierce, MMC, was sworn in by IIMC Past President Mary Lynne Stratta, MMC.

President's Comments

President Pierce's message focused on expanding communication skills.

Invitation to 2022 IIMC Conference

A video highlighting the City of Little Rock was presented for the 76th Annual Convention in 2022, and North Little Rock Clerk Diane Whitbey, MMC, invited delegates to attend next May.

Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m. EDT.

Connie M. Deford
Recorder and Parliamentarian