



Idaho Association of Counties Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Conference Call | December 12, 2017

Members Present

Donna Peterson, President
Rose Bernal, Vice President
Jerry White, Secretary/Treasurer
Bill Thompson, Immediate Past President
Robert McQuade, Past President
Patty Weeks, Past President
Mike McDowell, IACA Representative
Greg Shenton, IACC Representative
Chris Goetz, ISA Representative

Barb Fry, IACT Representative
Glenda Poston, District 1 Representative
Marc Shigeta, District 3 Representative
Mark Bair, District 5 Representative
J'Lene Cherry, District 6 Representative
Gordon Cruickshank, NACo Representative
Wayne Butts, WIR Representative
Tom Dale, Canyon County Representative
Marc Eberlein, Kootenai County Representative

Members Absent

Len Humphries, Past President
Dan Dinning, IACC Representative
Kathy Ackerman, IACRC Representative
Pam Garlock, ISACC Representative

Clayne Tyler, IPAA Representative
Dave McGraw, District 2 Representative
Larry Schoen, District 4 Representative

Others Present

Seth Grigg, Executive Director
Kristin Cundiff, Director of Operations

I. Call to Order

President Peterson called the meeting to order at 11:00 am MST on Tuesday, December 12, 2017.

II. Roll Call

White took the roll call and 7 members were absent.

III. Approval of Minutes

Poston moved to approve the minutes from October 16, 2017, Dale seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Poston moved to approve the minutes from September 27, 2017, Bair seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. IAC Staffing

Grigg provided background information on his role as the Executive Director and his interview process with the IAC Executive Director Hiring Committee. One of the first decisions he as IAC's new Executive Director was to eliminate the Director of Government Affairs position because his role as the Executive Director should be the Director of Government Affairs. Grigg hired a contract lobbyist for the 2018 session to help IAC staff.

V. Update on Ada County

In addition to working with staff on a reorganization, another priority of Grigg's will be to work with all of the counties in Idaho, acknowledging where any problems might be. Grigg would like all of the members to feel like they have a role as a member of IAC and that they are aware of the benefits of membership in the organization.

Grigg reported that IAC has received a letter from Ada County indicating that they will not be renewing their dues for FY18. According to the IAC Bylaws, the deadline for counties to pay their dues is February 1st, so there is a possibility they could still pay their dues. Grigg has been engaging with Ada County since the week prior to starting with IAC. He has held individual meetings with Commissioners Case and Tibbs, McQuade, Rich, and staff from Ada County. He plans to coordinate a joint meeting during the IAC Midwinter Conference to bring together the IAC Executive Committee and the Ada County Commissioners. Grigg noted that Ada County has used the funds budgeted to pay IAC dues to hire a lobbyist to represent Ada County on one issue - the Magistrate Court Funding issue. There are a number of issues that the Ada County Commissioners have indicated they are unhappy about and Grigg has been trying to address those that are within his control. Some of the issues are relationships between counties and some of that is out of his hands.

Cruickshank stated that we do bring quite a few conferences to Ada County and they receive a benefit from those conferences.

Grigg noted that staff will be working on an overview of membership benefits that we would like to send out to the members when the dues invoices are sent out in October. Peterson suggested that we take time at the IAC Conferences to do a "sales pitch" and talk about the benefits of IAC.

VI. Ada County Individual Dues

Peterson directed the Board to the IAC Bylaws that indicate if a county does not pay dues, individual row officers can request to pay individual dues. The Bylaws currently also state that individuals are not eligible to be part of their affiliate organization if their county does not pay dues. Cruickshank noted that we need to look at if a staff member wants to continue attending - would they pay member rate or non-member rate?

Butts wants to make sure that we don't set individual dues too low because then we might get into a trend with counties not paying county dues, but paying individual dues because it is cheaper. Dale wants to make sure that we fully vet the idea of individual dues. Grigg noted that staff can come up with some alternatives for individual dues and present those at the February Board Meeting. Peterson said we should put on our thinking caps and we will have a robust conversation in February on this issue. Staff will reach out to other associations that have dealt with this issue in other states.

VII. Update on Legislative Communications

Grigg noted that we have heard feedback that our communication during the legislative session needs improvement. IAC hosts a bill tracker on its website, but not many members know how to use it or are even aware of its existence. Staff will present an educational session on the bill tracker during the Midwinter Conference. Staff will also be sending out a legislative briefing to the members once a week that will be a brief review of the week's events at the legislature. IAC will also be utilizing Legislative Alerts that will be sent to targeted audiences when we need immediate feedback on a specific issue.

VIII. Ethics Reminder

Ackerman wasn't able to attend the board meeting today, but asked Peterson to remind the board members to bring ethics training to their districts and their affiliate associations.

IX. Adjournment

Dale moved to adjourn, Shigeta seconded. Motion carried unanimously.