

Council on Local Results and Innovation

League of MN Cities
145 University Avenue W. St. Paul
Wednesday, September 29th
1:00-3:00 p.m.

Members Present

Patricia Coldwell, Association of MN Counties
John Gunyou, City of Minnetonka
Mark Hintmeyer, City of Moorhead
Jay Kiedrowski, Humphrey Institute at University of Minnesota
Katie Nerem, Blue Earth County
Matt Stemwedel, City of Woodbury
Jay Strobel, City of Minneapolis
Wendy Underwood, City of Saint Paul
Rebecca Otto, State Auditor

Members Absent

Tim Walsh, Scott County
Ben Woessner, City of Pelican Rapids

Others present

Jennifer O'Rourke, League of MN Cities
Patricia Nauman, Metro Cities
Rachel Walker, League of MN Cities

I. Call to Order

- a. Auditor Otto called the meeting to order.
- b. Otto referred members to the agenda, reminded members that the statute called for electing a chair from the membership, and asked the agenda be revised to do so before the Council Process Discussion, which had been slated for item #3. Underwood made the motion, seconded by Stemwedl to switch items #3 and #4 around. Motion passed.

II. Introductions

- a. Members present introduced themselves, and their organizations. Members of the public then did the same.

III. Board Chair Election

- a. John Gunyou nominated Jay Kiedrowski for Board Chair. Otto asked for additional nominations; none were offered. Kiedrowski indicated he would be willing to chair. There was unanimous consent electing Jay Kiedrowski as chair of the Council.

IV. Council Process Discussion

a. Review Statutory Duty—

- i. Kiedrowski and Otto led a discussion of the various aspects of the new law creating the CLRI. Members present explained who had appointed them; Otto shared that she had letters from the House and Senate stating their appointees, and offered to send that to Kiedrowski.
- ii. Members questioned the legislative intention of the bill's authors, and Kiedrowski volunteered to talk with Rep. Paul Marquart before the next meeting. The idea of inviting Marquart to address the whole council was brought up; Kiedrowski explained he would talk through that with Marquart. Everyone agreed that it might be difficult before the election, but Kiedrowski would bring back what information he could.
- iii. The issue of outputs vs. outcomes was briefly discussed. Kiedrowski pointed out he wanted a larger discussion of this at the second meeting. Gunyou stated the challenges with the statute, reminded members parts of this was voluntary, and talked through some of the differences in an internal audit feature vs. an external audit feature. Other members brought up the importance of not having another unfunded mandate, how the incentive piece would play out (small dollars, exempt from future levy limits).
- iv. Members discussed similar efforts across the nation, such a National Performance Measurement Advisory Commission report, efforts from the ICMA (International City Managers Association) and NGFOA (National Government Finance Officers Association). It was agreed the report would be sent to members electronically, and a larger discussion would likely take place at the next meeting.
- v. Kiedrowski pointed out he expected some of the associations to eventually be the promoters of what comes out of this group. Those associations being the League of MN Cities and the Association of MN Counties—with possible breakout sessions at the legislative or annual conferences, and promoting through the various communication mechanisms (i.e. Newsletter, magazines, web sites).

b. Meeting Schedule—

- i. Members discussed how many meetings it might take to put a work product together in time for session, and shared times that would not work (i.e. during county board and city council meetings). Both the League and the Association of MN Counties volunteered to see when meeting space would be available. Kiedrowski and Otto volunteered to set some times for the group, and an e-mail would be sent out.

c. Membership List—

- i. Otto had prepared a membership list with membership information; members were asked to make sure the information was current and accurate.

d. Administrative Support—

- i. The League of Minnesota Cities agreed to take the meeting minutes for the Council.

- ii. The Office of the State Auditor will send out e-mail communications for the Council, and will post all meeting materials and meeting dates on the OSA website.

V. Next Steps

- a. County and city representatives were asked to bring 10-15 ideas for performance measurement to the next meeting.
- b. A tentative agenda was discussed—
 - i. Report from the Rep. Marquart discussion
 - ii. Outcome vs. output
 - iii. City information on performance measurement
 - iv. County information on performance measurement

VI. Adjournment