MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MINNESOTA INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC FINANCE

HELD: August 13, 2015

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Minnesota Institute of Public Finance was held on August 13, 2015, at approximately 11:30 a.m. at Briggs and Morgan in Minneapolis, with some members joining by conference call. The following directors were present and acted throughout:

Heather Casperson
Stefanie Galey
Doug Green
Trudy Halla
Gil Hernandez
Jay Hiniker
Martha Ingram
Laura Janke
Ben Johnson
Dan Nelson
Tammy Omdal
Barbara Portwood
Mark Ruff
Eric Sundberg
Jenny Wade

In the absence of Executive Director Kim Ganley, Jenny Wade acted as secretary.

I. MINUTES.

The minutes of the June 11, 2015 Board Meeting were deferred until the next Board Meeting. A meeting was not held in July due to the educational event held on Monday, July 27th at CHS Field in St. Paul.

II. TREASURER'S REPORT.

Heather Casperson, Treasurer, went over the Treasurer's report and the attached financial statement. The cash balance remains healthy. Invoices for remaining payments have gone out to member firms that have paid partial dues. The disbursements for the July educational event will be paid in late August.

III. REPORT OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE.

In the absence of Lynnette Crandall, Vice President – Legislation, Trudy Halla gave the legislative report. Trudy summarized an email received from Kathy Hahne that the legislator we hoped to have speak at our next educational event will not be able to do so. There was discussion on other possible speakers.

IV. EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

Gil Hernandez, Co-Vice President – Education, gave the report of the Education Committee. On July 27, MIPF hosted an educational event at CHS Field in St. Paul that included a tour of the new facility and a talk by Todd Hurley, Finance Director for the City of St. Paul, about the financing of the field. 49 people signed up and at least 40 attended.

Due to a need to host the entire event at CHS Field, MIPF incurred a breakage fee with the restaurant, Public Kitchen, where the social hour of the event was originally planned to be held. The fee was partially paid in cash with MIPF receiving gift cards to use at Public Kitchen for the remainder of the fee.

There was an initial discussion as to where the 2015 annual meeting should be held (it was held last year in Crave's event space). It was discussed that the educational portion of the meeting should have a legislative focus with the possibility of having our new lobbyist in place to transition this role at that time.

V. NEW BUSINESS.

With Kathy Hahne retiring at the end of 2015, a RFP for a new lobbyist needs to be distributed. Trudy will look for the last RFP and update it; it will go to member law firms only. The selection committee will include Trudy Halla, Mark Ruff and Tammy Omdal.

A nominating committee will also need to be formed to select the slate of officers for 2016. This committee will include the President, Past President and another member that Trudy Halla will nominate. A report of the officer nominations will be available prior to the annual meeting.

Stefanie Galey made a motion to make a donation in honor of Laurie Howard's husband in a similar amount to previous contributions of a similar nature. Dan Nelson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

VI. NEXT BOARD MEETING.

The next meeting of the Board will be held on September 17, 2015 at Briggs and Morgan in Minneapolis with some members participating via conference call.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jenny Wade, Co-Vice President – Education

