



**ARIZONA MUNICIPAL CLERKS' ASSOCIATION
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
May 4, 2021 @ 9:30 a.m.
VIA CONFERENCE CALL**

Committee Members: Sarah Siep (Chair), Hilary Hiser, (Co-Chair), Cindy Pemberton, Liz Burke, Linda Mendenhall, Sheryl Rabin, Lucinda Aja, Summer Stewart, Lynda Bushong, Ben Lane, Denise Archibald, Kelsea Holian, and Rhonda Germinsky (Board Liaison).

1. CALL TO ORDER

Sarah Siep (Chair) called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

The following members attended the meeting via conference call: Sarah Siep (Chair), Sheryl Rabin, Lynda Bushong, Denise Archibald, Kelsea Holian, and Rhonda Germinsky (Board Liaison) Hilary Hiser (Co-Chair) joined the meeting at 9:45 AM.

Linda Bushong mentioned that Liz Burk's new last name is Klein.

3. NEW BUSINESS

a. Approval of the Minutes

A motion to approve the April 6, 2021 minutes was made by Lynda Bushong and seconded by Sheryl Rabin. The motion was approved unanimously.

b. Review and Discussion Regarding Revisions to Legislative Committee Section of Handbook & Follow up on member to serve on GAHRE

Sarah Siep advised that Rhonda Germinsky was able to touch base with the League of Cities and Towns regarding municipal staff serving on the GAHRE committee. The League responded that any city or town staff can apply to be on the GAHRE committee, noting that staff should check with the city or town chain of command to make sure they have approval to participate. Then, an email should be sent to the League with the intent to serve on the GAHRE committee. There are two meetings per year which do not go beyond 1.5 hours. Sarah Siep went on to say that she changed the language in the Legislative Committee section of the handbook to reflect this. Therefore, now it says that at the start of each fiscal year a member would be assigned from the Legislative Committee to serve on the Leagues' GAHRE committee to review legislation as proposed and provide feedback. The member would volunteer based on approval of their jurisdiction's management. Sarah Siep asked the committee members if they were comfortable with the changes, and if there was agreement to move forward with the changes to the handbook.

Lynda Bushong informed Sara Siep that she opted to be on the GAHRE committee on behalf of her municipality and that she was a non-voting member, which would be the same for anyone participating on behalf of the Legislative Committee and so, she is currently serving on the GAHRE committee.

A motion was made by Lynda Bushong to approve the amendments made to the Legislative Committee section of the handbook and seconded by Denise Archibald. The motion was approved unanimously.

Sarah Siep advised she would be providing the amendments to Rhonda Germinsky to get it submitted to the Board for their May 2021 meeting agenda.

c. Discussion Regarding Ongoing Legislative Session & Any Areas of Concern or Focus for Municipalities

Sarah Siep mentioned that the Leagues' legislative call scheduled for May 3, 2021 was cancelled. Lynda Bushong asked whether any discussions had taken place with the League regarding the Committees' concerns expressed at the last meeting. Sarah advised that she did speak with Nancy Davidson with the League after the Committee's April meeting and that Nancy said she understood the concerns and would talk to Tom Belshe and Renee Guillen about it. Sarah Siep read an initial response received by email from Nancy Davidson to the Committee. Sarah Siep advised that she had not heard back from Nancy Davidson since then. The Committee discussed the concerns, changes that have taken place since Sarah spoke with the League, and changes that still are needed.

Sarah Siep asked the Committee if there were any bills of concern at this time. She also thanked Kelsea Holian for sending out the summaries on the bills.

d. Proposed League Election Manual & Any Feedback to Provide

Sarah Siep requested feedback (if any) on the Secretary of State's Office (SOS) Election Manual by the end of May 2021.

Sarah Siep asked if anyone had heard about election officer recertification with the SOS? She advised she would check and let the Committee know. Hilary Hiser asked if anyone had heard about recertification of Municipal election officials with the League? It was stated that this too would be looked into.

4. GOOD OF THE ORDER/COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

None.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Sarah Siep (Chair) adjourned the meeting at 9:58 a.m.

Submitted by: Denise Archibald

Minute Taker