Attendance

Board Members Present: Allison Alejos, Director of the Shawnee County Health Agency; John Bartolac, Johnson County Director of Records and Tax Administration; Ben Bennett, Geary County Commissioner; Bob Boaldin, Morton County Commissioner; Gene Bryan, Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City Appraiser; Lon Buller, Harvey County Emergency Management Director; Jim Emerson, Crawford County Counselor; Stan McEvoy, Decatur County Commissioner; Kerry McCue, Ellis County EMS Director; Richard Malm, Jefferson County Commissioner; Norbert Marek, Wabaunsee County Attorney; Duane Patrick, McPherson County Commissioner (NACo Representative); Kimberly Skillman-Robrahn, Coffey County Commissioner, President; Glen Tyson, Osage County Road Director; and Dan Woydziak, Butler County Commissioner.

Board Members Absent: Marvin Beesley, Gove County Noxious Weed Director.

Proceedings

President Kimberly Skillman-Robrahn called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Duane Patrick moved and Lon Buller seconded a motion to approve the agenda. The motion passed.

President Kimberly Skillman-Robrahn asked the Board to review the July minutes. Kerry McCue said that he was present at part of the July meeting, which was not noted in the attendance recorded in the minutes. Gene Bryan suggested an edit to the minutes relating to his discussion on the soccer complex; he said that an expansion to the soccer complex was not correct, but instead an acquisition of a new site. Stan McEvoy moved to approve the minutes as amended. Glen Tyson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Glen Tyson gave the report of the Financial Committee relating to the bills and payroll as of August 22, 2014. John Bartolac moved to approve the bills and payroll dated August 22, 2014, and Duane Patrick seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Randall Allen reviewed the June 30th financial statement with the Board, outlining the expected costs for the remainder of the year and noting that year-end revenues would not be known until after the conference. Duane Patrick moved and Dan Woydziak seconded the motion. The motion passed.
Randall Allen reviewed a board succession handout, which outlined the KAC board members who will be up for election and those whose terms will be expiring. Randall Allen noted that Bob Boaldin had resigned as a Morton County commissioner, due to health reasons. Randall Allen said that Jim Emerson will continue as Past President, given that Kimberly Skillman-Robrahn will be retiring her commissioner seat and no longer on the KAC board. Kerry McCue said he thought his first two years on the KAC Board were as the representative for KEMA and not KEMSA. Randall Allen said he would check that history to see if Kerry’s term as the KEMSA representative should continue.

President Kimberly Skillman-Robrahn called on Dorrie Sullivan, the new Education and Communications Director, to give the status report on the 39th annual conference. Dorrie Sullivan outlined the new postcard that went out to the KAC members. She outlined the ethics workshop that will take place before the official conference begins, and the expected workshops at the annual conference. She said the board dinner will be held at Intrust Bank Arena in downtown Wichita. President Kimberly Skillman-Robrahn discussed the theme for the conference. Randall Allen noted that the keynote speakers are Joe Gerstandt and David Adkins. Randall explained the hotel arrangements for board members; KAC pays for the first night (preceding the Board meeting) and the board member is responsible for paying for the rest of the conference nights, whether through the member’s county or affiliate organization.

President Kimberly Skillman-Robrahn opened the discussion on the KAC Program Committee’s work on revamping the KAC educational programs. She said the committee began with discussion on what kind of leader do communities need, what are the characteristics of a leader, and how do we help create such a leader. Randall Allen outlined the history of the educational programs. Nathan Eberline presented the Programs Committee Report. Nathan reviewed the objectives of the committee, and outlined the three-tiered certificates that the educational program would issue. He explained the core requirements of the tiers. John Bartolac asked about webinars, and Nathan Eberline said webinars would be under consideration by the Programs Committee. Allison Alejos discussed Kansas Training, which allows for training and testing. Nathan Eberline discussed the branding of the new program to Institute for Excellence. Richard Malm asked what the approximate time period would be to complete Tier 1 through Tier 3. Nathan said it would be possible to go through the tiers in 3-4 years. Dorrie Sullivan outlined the implementation plan for the new educational program. Richard Malm asked about consolidating core classes so they could be completed on a more timely basis, and Nathan Eberline said the core classes would be offered every year to help everyone get the core classes completed. Jim Emerson said a key component of the study committee’s discussion was on streamlining the classes so that members could attend the programs in a timely fashion. John Bartolac noted that training is usually the first item cut in a county budget when revenues are down. He said
the programs also seemed heavy; that county individuals may have a hard time completing the programs and affording the programs. Kerry McCue noted that travel gets cut during budget negotiations, too. He asked whether previous electives would count towards the certificate, and not just after enrollment in the program. Richard Malm moved approval of the program committee report and authorized KAC to move ahead on implementation of the three-tiered program. Dan Woydziak seconded the motion. Gene Bryan asked for an explanation of the motion and the next steps on the program committee report. Randall Allen said he would work with Dennis Kriesel on incorporating the new program in the budget, and the programs committee would continue to meet and provide status reports to the Board every 3-4 months. Gene Bryan noted the transition from the current board to a new board and how that would affect the Board’s understanding and commentary on the program. The motion passed.

The Board recessed for a five-minute break. The Board reconvened at 11:37 a.m.

Duane Patrick provided the National Association of Counties report. He noted the annual conference in New Orleans last month. He said he attended the rural county caucus and the urban county caucus. He said he attended the meetings relating to veteran services. Duane Patrick noted that the next NACo meeting is in Hawaii in December and he was planning to attend the meeting. President Kimberly Skillman-Robrahm said she had some concerns about using public monies for a trip to Hawaii. Kerry McCue asked what the Board would get in return for sending Duane Patrick to the NACo; Duane Patrick said he could do some education for members after returning. The Board consensus was to make a decision on funding the NACo trip at the September meeting.

President Kimberly Skillman-Robrahm gave her President’s Report, noting most of it was covered in the Program Committee Report. She also noted that she had stopped in the KAC Office to check in, and had traveled to other communities to promote KAC.

Randall Allen provided the Executive Director Report. Randall Allen reviewed the fall election of county commissioners, and handed out a list of commissioners who are up for election. Randall Allen also discussed the article from Dorrie Sullivan about the “disappearing firefighter.” Randall Allen discussed the lack of volunteers for county services such as firefighting and EMS and said there would be a workshop on EMS at the annual conference. Richard Malm noted that 68% of his population works outside Jefferson County so the ability of volunteers to respond in the community is affected.

Randall Allen discussed the staff reorganization at KAC. He noted that Nathan Eberline is reviewing and updating job descriptions. Randall Allen told the Board about the new administrative assistant Jeanna Lee. Randall Allen said Dennis Kriesel’s title was amended this summer to reflect his new role on financial matters; he is the Operations and Finance Director. He also updated the Board on the new role for Dana Wethington.
He noted that the new phone system was installed and the office has worked through some issues with the new system.

He reminded the Board to get their credentials in to the KAC office in order to vote at the annual business meeting.

President Kimberly Skillman-Robrahn called on Board members to present information from their county or their affiliate organization. Each member discussed the latest news in their county, focusing on their county budgets, and the latest news from their affiliate organization.

President Kimberly Skillman-Robrahn asked if the next meeting could be a conference call on September 17, 2014 to discuss the next fiscal year's budget for KAC.

With no other business, the Board meeting adjourned at 12:51 p.m.