

**MINUTES of the
SIXTY FIRST (61ST) ANNUAL CONVENTION of the
URBAN MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATORS' ASSOCIATION OF SASKATCHEWAN
Held at the TRAVELODGE HOTEL IN SASKATOON, JUNE 7th – 10th, 2016.**

PRESENT WERE: 210 Delegates-9 Spouses-3 Fraternal-48 Sponsors/Exhibitors/Guests = 270

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8th

CALL TO ORDER

President Rodney Audette called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, June 8th, 2016.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

President Rodney Audette introduced the Head Table and gave his welcoming remarks.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Richard Dolezsar provided his annual report on the operation of the Association and announcements relating to the 2016 Convention Program.

2015 CONVENTION MINUTES

Moved by Richard Dolezsar that the 2015 Annual Convention Minutes be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

2015 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Moved by Richard Dolezsar that the 2015 Audited Financial Statement be accepted as circulated.

CARRIED

CONFERENCE KICKOFF SPEAKER – DR. KEN COATES

Dr. Ken Coates, Canada Research Chair, Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy provided an inspiring conference kickoff presentation entitled “Managers of Change”. A key theme was that innovation works only at a local level.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS – PRESIDENT

Bonnie Chambers, Government Relations, conducted the Call for Nominations for President.

Rhonda Bacon, Kinistino nominated Rodney Audette, Bethune for the position of President. Rodney respectfully declined the nomination.

Joni Mack, Jansen nominated Jason Chorneyko, Wynyard for the position of President

No further nominations were received upon third call.

Bonnie Chambers, Government Relations, declared Jason Chorneyko elected President by acclamation.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS – VICE PRESIDENT

Bonnie Chambers, Government Relations, conducted the Call for Nominations for Vice President.

Nicole Lerat, Rosthern nominated Chris Costley, Mossbank for the position of Vice President.

No further nominations were received upon third call.

Bonnie Chambers, Government Relations, declared Chris Costley elected Vice President by acclamation.

SASK MUNICIPAL RETIREE ASSOCIATION – RETIREE PLAN

Eric Biehn, Group Benefits Advisor, Viking Benefit Solutions gave an overview of the new Sask Municipal Retiree Association – Retirement Health Insurance Benefit Plan, including administration, underwriting, eligibility and benefit details.

NOON LUNCHEON

The following sponsors provided remarks and fraternal greetings at the noon luncheon:

- Mayor Don Atchison, City of Saskatoon
- Don Poon, SAL Engineering
- Dawn Dierker, Sask Water
- Colleen Sailor, MMAA
- Dion Pollard, LGAA
- Darren Elder – RMAA

DISTRICT MEETINGS

District meetings took place from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.

TAUNA KUPIEC – SUMA GROUP BENEFITS PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

Tauna Kupiec, Senior Group Benefits Administrator from SUMA provided a presentation on SUMA's Group Benefits Program and municipal administrative requirement related thereto.

TANIA MEIER – TENDERS, RFP, RFQ

Tania Meier, Director, Corporate Programs and Member Services of SUMA provide a workshop on tenders, RFPs, RFQs – procedures and differences.

JIM WALTERS AND MARILYN GOULD – PLANNING AND SUBDIVISIONS

Jim Walters, Registered Professional Planner and Marilyn Gould, Principal Landscape Architect of Crosby Hanna Associates provided comprehensive overview of current planning and subdivisions options, processes and regulations.

JENNA ORBAN – PRIVACY LEGISLATION (LAFOIP)

Jenna Orban, Access Privacy Consultant of Saskatchewan Ministry of Justice conducted a workshop on the current local authority Freedom of Information and Protection of privacy Act (LAFOIP).

ANNUAL BANQUET, RETIREMENTS AND SOCIAL EVENING

Conference participants enjoyed the annual banquet, retirement awards, membership pin presentations, new certificate recognition and Casino Night. Assistant Deputy Minister of Government Relations, Keith Comstock attended as guest speaker and assisted with presentations of membership pins, new certificates and retirements.

THURSDAY, JUNE 9th

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS MEETING

An Associate members meeting was held and Lorie Foster of Osler was elected as Associate Director.

LAURIE-ANNE RUSNAK – COUNCIL VS MANAGER ROLES

Laurie-Anne Rusnak, LADR Consulting presented an extremely comprehensive and detailed presentation on specific differences and policy recommendations on day to day Council vs Manager Roles.

BILL HAWKINS – BUILDING CODE

Bill Hawkins of the Dept. of Government Relations, Building Standards Branch provided an overview of current regulations respecting administration of the Building and Accessibility Standards Act.

RON CUMMINS – BOIL WATER ADVISORIES

Ron Cummins, Environmental Project Officer from Saskatchewan Environment gave a presentation to delegates on Saskatchewan Environment Water and Sewer Regulations, municipal responsibilities and boil water advisories.

SHELLEY THOEN-CHAYKOWSKI – VALUE OF RECREATION

Shelley Thoen-Chaykowski of TC Consulting gave an entertaining presentation on the value of the recreation and the workings of Recreation Boards recognizing the differences in each municipal situation.

NETWORKING AFTERNOON

Delegates participated in a networking afternoon with a choice of either a Texas Scramble Golf Tournament and BBQ at Rosthern Valley Regional Park or a bus tour and shopping trip to Humboldt. Winners of the Texas Scramble were a team of:

Rick Dolezsar, Lawrence Lukey, Marcy Johnson, Jennifer Thompson

FRIDAY, JUNE 10th

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS – LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Bonnie Chambers and Melissa McCloy, Municipal Advisors of Government Relations gave an update on legislative amendments and additions.

IRVWIN BLANK – SAMA 2017 REVALUATION UPDATE

Irwin Blank, CEO from SAMA provided details on the role of SAMA in setting equitable property assessments and the 2017 revaluation program which is proposed to reflect a January 1, 2015 base date.

RESOLUTION SESSION

Moved by Kim Gartner of Macklin:

“WHEREAS, Municipal Administration is a complex and challenging field;

AND WHEREAS, UMAAS believes effective governance begins with competent and knowledgeable administration;

AND WHEREAS, UMAAS believes all municipalities deserve and require competent and knowledgeable administration’

AND WHEREAS, current legislation exempts urban municipalities with a population less than 100 from being required to employ a certified administrator;

THEREFORE Be It Resolved, that UMAAS request the Government of Saskatchewan to amend current legislation and require all municipalities to employ a certified administrator.

CARRIED

DIVISION MEETING REPORTS

Division Directors gave summary reports on the District Meeting sessions which were held earlier in the conference.

INTRODUCTION OF 2016 - 17 EXECUTIVE

Division 1	Ronda Heisler, Vibank
Division 2	Don McLeod, Herbert
Division 3	Joni Mack, Jansen
Division 4	Aileen Garrett, Unity
Division 5	Janelle Scott, Naicam
Division 6	Nicole Lerat, Rosthern
Division 7	Therese Chartier, Buffalo Narrows
Associate	Lorie Foster, Osler
President	Jason Chorneyko, Wynyard
Vice President	Chris Costley, Mossbank
Past President	Rodney Audette, Bethune
Executive Director	Richard Dolezsar, Hudson Bay
Executive Assistant	Teresa Parkman, Hudson Bay

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

President Jason Chorneyko thanked the Delegates and Executive Members for their support and looked forward to working with the new Executive and membership in the coming year. He invited delegates to communicate regularly with himself and Executive members.

ADJOURNMENT

President Jason Chorneyko declared the Convention adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

 President

 Executive Director