



**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
ILLINOIS STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES  
April 5, 2019  
828 S. Second Street  
Springfield, IL 62704**

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Illinois State Association of Counties (ISACo) was held on Friday, April 5, 2019, at 10:03 a.m. at the ISACo Office in Springfield, IL at which the following were in attendance in person or via teleconference:

Cook, Commissioner Deborah Sims, President  
DuPage, Board Member James D. Healy, Vice President  
Winnebago, Auditor Bill Crowley, Treasurer  
Kendall, Board Member Matt Prochaska  
Cook, Commissioner Peter Silvestri  
Will, Speaker Denise Winfrey  
Tazewell, Chairman David Zimmerman

**ISACo STAFF**

Joe McCoy, Executive Director

**GUESTS**

Nationwide Retirement Solutions, Program Director Jennifer Brown  
Nationwide Retirement Solutions, Jim Beck (Replacing Jennifer Brown as Program Director)  
Nationwide Retirement Solutions, Retirement Specialist Don Regan  
Nationwide Retirement Solutions, Retirement Specialist Corryn Hall  
Nationwide Retirement Solutions, Retirement Specialist Don Regan  
Aeria Charles, Cook County

## **GUEST SPEAKER**

Jennifer Brown with Nationwide Retirement Solutions introduced the Nationwide team involved with Illinois accounts. Nationwide personnel discussed how Nationwide will interact with ISACo, the structure of their team and coverage area, pending staffing changes and the company's online retirement tool.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Vice President Healy and seconded by Board Member Zimmerman to adopt the minutes from the February 8, 2019, meeting. The motion was approved and the minutes were adopted. Executive Director Joe McCoy introduced ISACo Executive Assistant Brenna Metrow.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Sims had no report.

## **VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Vice President Healy had no report.

## **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Secretary Meyer was excused from the meeting.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

President Sims asked Treasurer Crowley to provide a report. Treasurer Crowley discussed the financials and indicated ISACo has a strong balance sheet and is in a strong financial condition. He also provided a profit and loss statement. Treasurer Crowley requested that the Board approve the expenditures included within the report. A motion was made by Vice President Healy and seconded by Board Member Winfrey to approve the expenditures. The motion was approved. Treasurer Crowley also discussed deposits since the last Board meeting. Finally, he highlighted a report including activity by account class since the inception of ISACo.

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

President Sims asked Executive Director McCoy to present a report. He updated the Board on the Illinois County Association (ICA) fund recovery effort. The ICA took action to eliminate its fund balance and elected to refund the money back to member counties. ISACo has contacted several counties to claw back this revenue for ISACo and good progress is being made to recover the funds.

ISACo now has 12 members after Ogle County approved a resolution to join.

The Board previously authorized staff to engage the services of Suzanne Hart via contract and within certain parameters. A contract was drafted and shared with Suzanne and she agreed to the terms specified in the contract.

A preliminary corporate partner program has been drafted and shared with Suzanne. ISACo is planning events with county officials that will offer opportunities for corporate sponsors.

Executive Director McCoy reported on the March National Association of Counties (NACo) Legislative Conference. He congratulated Washington County Board Chairman and ISACo Board Member David Meyer for his appointment to the NACo Board of Directors. He also expressed appreciation to the United Counties Council of Illinois (UCCI) for their action to enroll their member counties in NACo. The ISACo-hosted breakfast was well-attended. Joe discussed some of the ideas he gleaned from the March conference that he would like to apply at future conferences. President Sims emphasized the importance of keeping track of which Illinois county officials serve on NACo committees. All appointments to NACo committees come through ISACo.

Executive Director McCoy reminded the Board that the NACo Annual Conference is being held from July 12-15 in Clark County. The Board discussed issues related to the forthcoming conference.

Executive Director McCoy discussed several changes and updates to ISACo's website.

A motion to receive the report was made by Vice President Healy and seconded by Treasurer Crowley. The motion was approved.

## **LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

President Sims asked Executive Director McCoy to provide a legislative report.

He emphasized the volume of bills on which ISACo has taken a position to date.

The Board discussed several issues. They included SB 3680 (auditor responsibilities), HB 3317 (expanded county board chair powers), SB 177 (business enterprise programs and MFT revenue), Winnebago County litigation funding, the cannabis legalization working group and the rural broadband working group. ISACo was asked to participate on both working groups.

The Board requested that ISACo work toward finding common ground between the auditors and county board officials concerning auditor responsibilities. The Board also discussed the importance of standing up the Large County Board Caucus (LCBC).

The Board discussed how ISACo can address issues where different interests within county government have different positions.

A motion to receive the report was made by Treasurer Crowley and seconded by Vice President Healy. The motion was approved.

## **ISACo CAUCUS REPORT**

No report.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

President Sims asked Executive Director McCoy to discuss the March ISACo Open House. Joe indicated he thought the event was successful. Board members who attended offered their thoughts about the event.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

President Sims asked Vice President Healy to discuss the issuance of a quarterly ISACo publication. A motion was made by Board Member Zimmerman and seconded by Board Member Silvestri to authorize a quarterly publication. The motion was approved.

Executive Director McCoy discussed the decision by the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) Board of Trustees to reduce its assumed annual investment return rate. He conveyed the actions being taken by Kane County Board Chairman Lauzen and ISACo to encourage the IMRF Board to reverse its decision.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Illinois State Association of Counties, a motion was made by Treasurer Crowley and seconded by Board Member Prochaska to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:58 a.m.