

MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
REGIONAL COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
February 7, 2002
Landmark Restaurant
809 West Main, Mesa, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

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| * Mayor Skip Rimsza, Phoenix, Chairman | Mayor Keno Hawker, Mesa |
| * Mayor John Keegan, Peoria | Mayor Bill Arnold, Goodyear |
| Mayor Jay Tibshraeny, Chandler | |

* Not present

1. Call to Order

The Executive Committee meeting was called to order by Mayor Jay Tibshraeny at 12:00 p.m.

2. Dialogue on MAG Governance Task Force Recommendations

Mr. Bourey briefly summarized the discussion at the January 28, 2002 Regional Council Executive Committee meeting. He noted that the Executive Committee thought it would be good to meet and have dialogue with both the West Valley and East Valley Mayors. Mr. Bourey stated that the Committee will be meeting with the West Valley Mayors next Tuesday, February 12 in Avondale. He indicated the intent was that the informal dialogue would focus on reviewing the recommendations from the Regional Council Retreat. They suggested focusing on the expanded Executive Committee, and if time allows, move on to the other items. The discussion from the Regional Council meeting included expanding the Executive Committee to nine or 11 members, with fixed seats for Phoenix, Mesa, Glendale, Maricopa County and ADOT, and four or six at large seats balanced by size of members and geography. Mr. Bourey noted that an 11 member Executive Committee seemed to be more favorably received.

Mayor Giuliano stated that Scottsdale has basically the same population as Glendale. He asked why Glendale and not Scottsdale was named to sit on the expanded Executive Committee. Is the idea that Glendale is the largest city in the West Valley. Mayor Giuliano expressed his concern with Scottsdale not getting fair representation without a guaranteed seat on the Executive Committee. Mayor Manross agreed and expressed her concern about having Scottsdale's interests represented. She suggested that the function of the Executive Committee should be determined.

Mayor Berman asked if there is any track recorded of who typically attends the meetings. He asked if the smaller cities weren't attending as regularly. Mr. Bourey noted that attendance is looked at each year, and that some smaller cities do not attend as much as larger cities. Mayor Tibshraeny noted that smaller cities make up less than five percent of the total population in the region. Mayor Arnold stated that some of those smaller cities are growing rapidly and will be much larger in the near future. Mayor Giuliano expressed the need for the seats to be balanced. He suggested a change in the nominating committee. The nominating process should be discussed at the Regional Council level, and it should be an open dialogue.

Mayor Hawker expressed his concern regarding the east/west label. He stated that the focus should be on population, not geography. Mayor Giuliano stated that it should be a combination of both population and geography. He reiterated that the nominating committee should be a more open discussion at the Regional Council meeting instead of the current letter process.

Mayor Manross stated that she is comfortable with having Phoenix, ADOT and the County as fixed seats, but is not comfortable with designating so many seats to smaller communities. She noted that things change from year to year, and that what is now a smaller community, may grow to be quite large. Mayor Arnold pointed out that Gilbert and Buckeye may potentially have a population of 200,000 or more in a few years. Mayor Berman agreed that Phoenix should have fixed representation because they have more people and votes to represent. Mayor Feldman-Kerr stated that it also matters how active that Mayor wishes to be on the Committee. She noted that mayors of smaller communities may have more time to give, and their representation of other cities/towns may be good. Mayor Manross stated that she is confident that the Executive Committee will have and provide fair representation.

Mayor Arnold asked what the terms of the officers and Executive Committee members will be. Mr. Bourey noted that there were several discussions about terms. There was some discussion on only a one year term and some discussion on longer terms. He noted that there was also discussion on longer terms for the Chair and Vice Chair of the Executive Committee. Mayor Hawker questioned how ADOT and Maricopa County would be handled if the Executive Committee would have longer terms. Mayor Giuliano suggested that the officer's term only be for one year, and the other members for two years.

Supervisor Stapley asked how the Regional Council would overturn decisions made by the Executive Committee. He asked if it would be by a super majority vote as discussed at the retreat. Mayor Manross stated that topic was discussed at the Retreat in concept, but details were not voted on. Supervisor Stapley questioned if it would be a combination of Executive Committee and Transportation Subcommittee functions. Mayor Giuliano noted that the Transportation Subcommittee will have business participation. Supervisor Stapley asked who would be on the Transportation Subcommittee and how would that be decided. Mr. Bourey explained that the Regional Council Transportation Subcommittee is currently a subcommittee of the Regional Council only. He noted that in the past the Chair of the Regional Council has appointed the Subcommittee. Supervisor Stapley suggested that gives a lot of power to the

Transportation Subcommittee and should be changed. Mr. Bourey stated that the appointment process would be through the full Regional Council. Mayor Arnold also noted that it was discussed at the Retreat that the Transportation Subcommittee would be a majority of elected officials. Mr. Bourey noted that members of all committees should have a majority of elected officials or staff members. Supervisor Stapley reiterated that the process followed will be the Transportation Subcommittee, the Management Committee, the Executive Committee, and finally the Regional Council.

Mr. Bourey restated what the consensus appeared to be. The Executive Committee should be an 11 member committee with Phoenix, Maricopa County, and ADOT as fixed seats, and eight members at-large that will be balanced by size and geography. This process will be handled by an open discussion at the Regional Council meetings. Mayor Tibshraeny noted that the nomination committee should also be balanced. Mr. Bourey noted a potential problem regarding the Executive Committee having 11 members and, as in the past, members of the nominating committee not being eligible to serve on the Executive Committee. He noted this is something that needs to be discussed.

Mayor Berman stated that the people need to be represented by population. Mayor Manross suggested that we do a democratic process. She stated that is we designate permanent seats, maybe some mayors may not want to serve on the committee. Mayor Giuliano agreed that we should not mandate a position when a mayor may not want it. Mr. Bourey stated that the Governance Task Force recommendation was very close to what the Executive Committee was discussing. The recommendation was for three designated seats, four seats with at least 100,000 in population, and four open seats. Mayor Arnold stated that he liked the idea of having four open seats.

Supervisor Stapley stated that he is surprised at the support and is pleased that Maricopa County and ADOT will be represented on the Executive Committee. He noted that he has always believed that the County should be engaged more and think more regionally. Mayor Manross stated that the decision should be made regarding who serves on the Executive Committee and then what the responsibilities are of the Executive Committee, then we can move on. Mr. Bourey stated that staff could forward a report to the Executive Committee on the responsibilities of the expanded Executive Committee discussed at the Regional Council Retreat. Mayor Arnold requested that the report be ready before the Tuesday, February 12 West Valley Mayors and Managers meeting with the Executive Committee.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary