

National Community Development Association
Minutes of the Membership/State Whip Committee
Washington, D.C.
January 24, 2002

Attending: Peter Garbati (Malden, MA), Al Faella (Union County, NJ), Beatrix Fields (Washington, DC), Emory Counts (Daytona Beach, FL), Roslyn Phillips (Jacksonville, FL), Melvin Richardson (Fulton County, GA), Willie Day, Jr. (Anderson, SC), Michael Morrissey (Wausau, WI), Greg Hoover (Davenport, IA), Emily Nottingham (Tucson, AZ), Scott Stevenson (Los Angeles County, CA), David Thompson (Richmond, CA), Steve Young (Sacramento, CA).
Staff Attending: Chandra Western and Karen Means.

A regularly scheduled meeting of the NCDA Membership/State Whip Committee was held on Thursday, January 24, 2002 at the Marriott at Metro Center Hotel in Washington, D.C. The meeting was held in conjunction with NCDA's 2002 Winter Meeting. Emory Counts, Committee Co-Chair and Community Development Director for Daytona Beach, Florida, called the meeting to order.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Karen Means, NCDA Operations Manager, gave a brief report on NCDA's membership status. She informed the committee that the Association had collected 85% for the current fiscal year.

The following suggestions were made regarding recruiting new members:

- Provide State Whips with a list of entitlements that are not members of NCDA
- Enable prospective members to review samples of previously-mailed newsletters on the website
- Members of the House and Senate Appropriations Committee (sending information to the communities in their district)
- Active regions recruit new members
- CD certification training

ADMITTING STATE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATIONS AND CORPORATE MEMBERSHIPS TO NCDA MEMBERSHIP

After a lengthy discussion regarding these two issues, the Committee recommended that, for state CD associations, NCDA put together a price structure for each Association based on the number of cities in their membership and whether under the auspices of a Council of Governments, charging each community \$375.00 per city/participating jurisdiction, up to \$2,500.00, for their NCDA membership.

Staff was charged with the responsibility of conducting background research on a price structure of state CD associations and what they would get for their membership and report back in June at the Annual Conference.

The Committee recommended that NCDA research what other associations are doing regarding corporate memberships, a price structure and what they would get for their membership and also report this information at the Annual Conference

NCDA'S MEMBERSHIP DUES

The Committee debated on whether or not to increase membership dues for the upcoming fiscal year, July 1, 2002 through Jun 30, 2003. During the discussion, the Committee voted on 1) not raising the dues; 2) raising the dues 1%; or raising the dues 2%.

Peter Garbarti, Community Development Director for Malden, Massachusetts, made a motion, and second by David Thompson, not to raise membership dues for the upcoming fiscal year.

Committee members responded by recommending that NCDA maintain dues at present level for fiscal year 02/03; membership dues would be raised for fiscal year 03/04. The members also suggested that NCDA get as much mileage as possible (good PR) about the Association not raising dues this year.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.