

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2018**

PRESENT	CAPT Bob Buehn, USN (ret) Dr. Debra Jackson Craig Neuenswander RADM Clarke Orzalli, USN (ret) BG(R) Hal Stearns Lindsey Dablow Richard Pryor	Florida Commissioner New York Commissioner Kansas Commissioner Designee Massachusetts Commissioner Montana Commissioner Training and Operations Associate Communications Associate	Chair Secretary
EXCUSED	Alan Kerr Greg Lynch Cherise Imai	South Dakota Commissioner Washington Commissioner Executive Director	
ABSENT	COL(R) Chris Cmiel Brian Halstead	West Virginia Commissioner Nebraska Commissioner	

ITEM 1 – CALL TO ORDER

1. The meeting was called to order at 11:01 AM EDT by Bob Buehn, Florida Commissioner and Finance Committee Chair. Communications Associate Richard Pryor conducted the roll call.

ITEM 2 – AGENDA AND MINUTES

2. Commissioner Pam Deering (OK) moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Commissioner Hal Stearns (MT). Motion carried. Commissioner Debra Jackson (NY) moved to approve the meeting minutes from August 28, 2018, seconded by Commissioner Stearns. Motion carried.

ITEM 3 – REPORTS

3. FY2019 – Chair Buehn reported no significant changes to the FY19 report since the previous meeting. Associate Pryor updated the committee on the FY19 dues, 43 states have now paid. Commissioner Stearns (MT) asked that the dues spreadsheet for the ABM reflect the fact Massachusetts had paid their FY19 dues. Training and Operations Associate Lindsey Dablow acknowledged it would.

4. FY2020 – Associate Pryor briefed the committee on the changes to the dues figures if the increase of \$1.15 per military child was approved. Commissioner Jackson (NY) mentioned she had received questions on where the student count comes from and that it may be worth providing that information as background information at the ABM for attendees that may not be aware.

Associate Pryor then briefed on the revised FY2020 budget, the increase to the benefits, and the ABM expenses. A motion was made to approve the revised FY2020 budget by Commissioner Deering (OK), seconded by Commissioner Neuenswander (KS). Motion carried.

ITEM 4 – OLD BUSINESS

5. Kentucky Employee Retirement System (KERS) – Associate Pryor updated the committee on KERS. Pryor informed the Committee that the Kentucky Supreme Court held a hearing but there is no

date on when a decision will be made. CSG has, however reduced the indirect cost from 8.1% to 5% as of Sep. 1.

ITEM 4 – NEW BUSINESS

6. Healthcare Benefit Increase – Associate Pryor updated the committee on the employee healthcare benefits increase. CSG negotiated a rate increase of 15%. CSG were able to secure a rate hold (no premium increase) on all other benefits (dental, vision, life, disability).

7. MIC3 Budget Cost Analysis – Training and Operations Associate Lindsey Dablow briefed the committee on the cost analysis she had prepared. The analysis was completed due to the ongoing KERS issue and the budget implications this may have as well as looking at rent increases. Associate Dablow gave a very detailed brief on two scenarios; scenario one if MIC3 leaves and shared office space with another affiliate but kept the services of CSG. Scenario two if MIC3 were to split completely.

Commissioner Neuenswander (KS) asked if CSG were aware that MIC3 were looking at these options. Associate Dablow informed him they were aware and were cognizant of this going on with all affiliates. He also asked if there would be any impact on other areas, such as transportation, outside expenses etc. Associate Dablow informed the committee that Executive Director Imai had done some research in this area and she could speak on this better but that this had been researched with other affiliates that had already split from CSG.

Chair Buehn asked the committee to approve a letter of intent so the national office could officially approach both properties. Commissioner Jackson (NY) motioned to approve the letter of intent. Commissioner Stearns (MT) seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ITEM 5 – STRATEGIC PLAN

8. ABM Finance Report – Chair Buehn asked for comment on the finance report that had been prepared for the ABM. No comments were offered.

ITEM 6 – ADJOURNMENT: With no further business to conduct, Chair Buehn adjourned the meeting at 11:31 AM EDT.

Respectfully submitted by,



Cherise Imai
Secretary/Executive Director