

SUMMARY MINUTES

ABAG General Assembly
Business Meeting, April 20, 2006
Moscone Center
San Francisco, CA

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Dave Cortese at 12:05 p.m.

2. CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

President Cortese asked whether a quorum of voting delegates was present. Legal Counsel Kenneth Moy confirmed quorum with seven county delegates and 51 city delegates present.

County Delegates and Alternates Present

Supervisor Susan Adams
Supervisor John Gioia
Supervisor Scott Haggerty
Supervisor Rose Jacobs Gibson
Supervisor Mark Kerns
Supervisor Mark Luce
Supervisor John Vazquez

Jurisdiction

County of Marin
County of Contra Costa
County of Alameda
County of San Mateo
County of Sonoma
County of Napa
County of Solano

City/Town Delegates and Alternates Present

Mayor Janet Abelson
Mayor Paul Albritton
Mayor Pro Tem Maria Alegria
Mayor Irma Anderson
Councilmember Ana Apodaca
Councilmember Newell Arnerich
Councilmember Ruth Atkin
Mayor Len Augustine
Councilmember Tom Barteo
Councilmember John Barton
Councilmember Larry Chu
Mayor Pro Tem Stanley Cohen
Councilmember Dave Cortese
Mayor Carole Dillon-Knutson
Mayor Trevor Evans-Young
Councilmember John Fannon
Mayor Pro Tem Kelly Fergusson
Mayor Helen Fisicaro
Vice Mayor Daniel Furtado
Vice Mayor Jack Gingles
Councilmember Pedro Gonzalez

Councilmember Robert Good

Jurisdiction

City of El Cerrito
City of Sausalito
City of Pinole
City of Richmond
City of Newark
Town of Danville
City of Emeryville
City of Vacaville
City of Vallejo
City of Palo Alto
City of Larkspur
City of Sonoma
City of San Jose
City of Novato
City of Hercules
City of Hillsborough
City of Menlo Park
Town of Colma
City of Campbell
City of Calistoga
City of South San Francisco
City of Albany

Councilmember John Hanecak
Councilmember Olden Henson
Councilmember Kasie Hildenbrand
Councilmember Nadia Holober
Councilmember Carol Klatt
Mayor Linda Koelling
Councilmember Patrick Kwok
Councilmember Jake Mackenzie
Councilmember Shawn Marshall
Councilmember Nancy McEnroe
Vice Mayor Janet Orchard
Mayor Pro Tem Warin Parker
Mayor Barbara Pierce
Mayor Harry Price
Councilmember Jean Quan
Councilmember Gwen Regalia
Councilmember Sepi Richardson
Councilmember Tony Santos
Councilmember John Sawyer
Vice Mayor Alan Schwartzman
Councilmember William Shinn
Councilmember Anthony Spitaleri
Mayor Jill Techel
Councilmember Jerry Thorne
Vice Mayor Gilbert Vega
Vice Mayor Bill Walcutt
Councilmember Mike Wasserman
Mayor H. Abram Wilson
Councilmember Gordon Wozonik

County Delegates Absent

Supervisor Pete McHugh
Vacant

City/Town Delegates Absent

Councilmember Irene O'Connell
Intergovernmental Affairs Director Amiee Albertson
Mayor James Berg
Councilmember Rochelle Bird
Vice Mayor Larry Bragman
Mayor Mark Brodsky
Mayor Tom Byrnes
Mayor Todd Carlson
Councilmember David Cassas
Councilmember Cindy Coffey
Councilmember Russ Cohen
Councilmember Paul Correa
Major Jose Esteves
Vice Mayor Carol Federight
Councilmember Manual Fernandez
Mayor Donald Freitas

City of Pleasant Hill
City of Hayward
City of Dublin
City of Millbrae
City of Daly City
City of Foster City
City of Cupertino
City of Rohnert Park
City of Mill Valley
City of Piedmont
City of Cotati
Town of Windsor
City of Redwood City
City of Fairfield
City of Oakland
City of Walnut Creek
City of Brisbane
City of San Leandro
City of Santa Rosa
City of Benicia
City of Concord
City of Sunnyvale
City of Napa
City of Pleasanton
City of Dixon
City of Clayton
City of Los Gatos
City of San Ramon
City of Berkeley

Jurisdiction

County of Santa Clara
County of San Francisco

Jurisdiction

City of San Bruno
City of San Francisco

City of Belvedere
Town of Moraga
Town of Fairfax
City of Monte Sereno
Town of Ross
Town of Yountville
City of Los Altos
City of American Canyon
City of Burlingame
City of Gilroy
City of Milpitas
City of Lafayette
City of Union City
City of Antioch

Mayor Pre Tem Steve Glazer	City of Orinda
Councilmember Matt Grocott	City of San Carlos
Councilmember Carole Groom	City of San Mateo
Mayor Sarah Glade Gurney	City of Sebastopol
Councilmember Barbara Heller	City of San Rafael
Councilmember James Janz	Town of Atherton
Mayor Beverly Johnson	City of Alameda
Mayor Marshall Kamena	City of Livermore
Mayor Michael Kee	City of Pittsburgh
Mayor Dennis Kennedy	City of Morgan Hill
Vice Mayor Michael Lappert	Town of Corte Madera
Mayor Patricia Mahan	City of Santa Clara
Mayor Phillip Mathewson	City of Belmont
Councilmember Paul Morris	City of San Pablo
Councilmember Tom Means	City of Mountain View
Councilmember Anu Natarajan	City of Fremont
Vice Mayor Gary Plass	City of Healdsburg
Councilmember Carol Rios	City of Oakley
Councilmember Paul Smith	Town of Tiburon
Mayor James Spering	City of Suisun City
Mayor Brian Swisher	City of Brentwood
Councilmember David Tanner	Town of Woodside
Mayor Steve Toben	Town of Portola Valley
Councilmember Pam Torliatt	City of Petaluma
Vacant	City of St. Helena
Vacant	City of Half Moon Bay
Councilmember Jim Vreeland	City of Pacifica
Councilmember Bill Wainwright	City of Martinez
Mayor Pro Tem Dean Washawsky	Town of Los Altos Hills
Vice Mayor Gus Wolter	City of Cloverdale
Mayor Eddie Woodruff	City of Rio Vista
Mayor David Woods	City of East Palo Alto

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

4. APPROVAL OF SUMMARY MINUTES, April 28, 2005, General Assembly*

President Cortese recognized a motion and a second to approve the minutes of the General Assembly of April 28, 2005. The motion passed unanimously.

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Cortese reported on two activities discussed at the recent Administrative Committee retreat for which members' input will be solicited. The first is the ABAG strategic planning process, which will be focused on ways to make ABAG more efficient and self-sufficient. This effort is being chaired by Mayor Jim Spering, City of Suisun City. Delegates interested in submitting input on the strategic planning process are asked to contact Henry Gardner, Executive Director, or Pat Jones,

Assistant Executive Director, who will connect them with those elected officials working on this effort. The second is an ABAG awards program committee that is seeking input on criteria for awards to be presented annually. The awards committee is chaired by Vice President Rose Jacobs Gibson, San Mateo County Supervisor, and Councilmember Steve Rabinowitsh, City of Santa Rosa. Those members who wish to provide input are asked to contact staff.

6. PROPOSED ANNUAL BUDGET AND WORK PLAN – Fiscal Year 2005-2006*

President Cortese recognized Executive Director Henry Gardner who presented a brief summary of the Annual Budget and Work Program for fiscal year 2006-2007. He noted that for the first time in three years the budget includes a member dues increase of a weighted average of 6% and that member dues represent seven percent of the total budget. Most of ABAG's revenue is derived from grants and contracts for which the association must compete.

President Cortese recognized a motion and a second to approve the budget and work program.

Councilmember Paul Albritton, City of Sausalito, asked whether members had received copies of the budget and work program before the business meeting. By a show of hands members indicated that they had received the document.

President Cortese called for the vote on the motion. The county vote on the motion was seven ayes, zero nays, and the motion passed unanimously. The city vote on the motion was 47 ayes, four nays, and the motion passed.

7. PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGE*

President Cortese stated that the Executive Board adopted a resolution to amend the bylaws as included in the agenda packet. He called on Executive Director Gardner to provide background. Gardner commented that both the Executive Board and the Administrative Committee approved the resolution to support a change in the association bylaw that would allow a Member city or town to designate the city or town manager to represent the Member city or town at the business meeting and to vote in the event that both the General Assembly delegate and alternate are not available, and a Member county to designate their county administrator to represent the Member county at the business meeting and to vote in the event that both the General Assembly delegate and alternate are not available.

President Cortese recognized a motion and a second to approve the proposed bylaw change.

Mayor H. Abram Wilson, City of San Ramon, stated his opposition to the proposed bylaw change in principle because to delegate the right as elected officials diminishes the position. He also stated that it would be in members' best interest to make sure elected officials attend these meetings and participate, and any deviation from this does a disservice to our residents and to ABAG. President Cortese commented that the Executive Board discussed the proposed resolution thoroughly, including the issue raised, and that staff would use the proposed bylaw change as a last resort to achieve a quorum to conduct business.

Councilmember Dan Furtado, City of Campbell, asked whether the term "member" with lowercase "m" referred to an individual person who is a member of the respective body, and the term "Member" (uppercase M) to an entity that is either a city or county. Kenneth Moy, ABAG Legal Counsel, replied affirmatively.

President Cortese called for the vote. The county vote on the motion was seven ayes, zero nays, and the motion passed unanimously. The city vote on the motion was 41 ayes, 10 nays, and the motion passed.

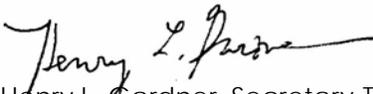
8. ANNOUNCEMENTS*

President Cortese thanked the delegates for attending the business meeting, and, in particular, Immediate Past President Scott Haggerty, County of Alameda Supervisor, who was present despite having his arm in a sling as result of a painful injury.

There were no other announcements.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at about 12:20 PM.


Henry L. Gardner, Secretary-Treasurer

* Indicates attachments.

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