

COG BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

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**DATE: March 13, 2013
TIME: 12:00 Noon
PLACE: COG Board Room**

PLEASE NOTE: Chairwoman Young will begin the meeting promptly at Noon. Lunch for members and alternates will be available at 11:30 a.m.

A G E N D A

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
(12:00 Noon)**

**Chairwoman Karen Young
President Pro Tem, Board of Aldermen
City of Frederick**

**2. ANNOUNCEMENTS
(12:00 – 12:05 p.m.)**

Chairwoman Young
a) **COG Leadership Retreat – August 2-4**
b) **Meeting with David Agnew, Deputy Assistant to the President/Director of Intergovernmental Affairs**

**3. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT
(12:05 – 12:10 p.m.)**

**4. AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA
(12:10 – 12:15 p.m.)**

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 13, 2013
(12:15 – 12:20 p.m.)**

**Adjunct Member*

**6. ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS
(12:20 – 12:25 p.m.)**

As of March 7, there are no items to be acted upon.

**7. VERIZON 9-1-1 FINAL REPORT
(12:25 – 12:45 p.m.)**

**Steve Souder, Director
Fairfax County Department of Public Safety Communications**

**Glenn Roach, ENP
Vice President, Winbourne Consulting, LLC**

The Board will be asked to approve Resolution R10-2013—the *Final Report of 9-1-1 Service Gaps During and Following the Derecho Storm on June 29, 2012*.

In the wake of the severe storm, a Derecho, that hit the Mid-Atlantic region on June 29, 2012, much of Northern Virginia and parts of the entire metropolitan Washington area lost commercial electrical power and their vital 9-1-1 emergency communications service. Some of the 9-1-1 outages continued over five days.

At its July 2012 meeting, the Board adopted a resolution and formed a task force to address several related issues, including the cause of the 9-1-1 outages, the existing redundancy and backup capabilities for that service, and communication and messaging to the public and local emergency response officials. The task force's report has also helped inform efforts by the Federal Communications Commission, Virginia State Corporation Commission, and other groups.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R10-2013.

**8. EXPANSION OF THE COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM
(12:45 – 1:00 p.m.)**

**Thomas E. Savoie
Contracts and Purchasing Manager**

COG initiated its Cooperative Purchasing Program in 1971 with the basic objective of reducing costs through economies of scale created through volume buying. By taking advantage of the combined purchasing power of participating jurisdictions volume buying works to the advantage of our member jurisdictions and their taxpayers.

COG's Chief Purchasing Officers Committee currently works with its counterpart at the Baltimore Metropolitan Council to plan and create cooperative contracts for various goods and commodities. The two groups have agreed to officially merge efforts to become the Mid-Atlantic Purchasing Team (MAPT). Mr. Savoie will provide an overview of COG's program and the significant opportunities for cost savings this merger will create.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R11-2013.

**9. ACTION ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS AND RULES OF PROCEDURE
(1:00 – 1:05 p.m.)**

**Sharon Pandak
COG General Counsel**

The Board will be asked to consider and adopt Resolution R12-2013, updating and amending the Board's By-laws and Rules of Procedure to conform to the requirements of the D.C. Nonprofit Corporations Act of 2010 and current COG practices. Ms. Pandak gave notice of and reviewed these proposed amendments with the Board at its February 13, 2013 meeting.

Local and state officials on the COG Board of Directors have overall policy, program, and fiduciary responsibility for COG's and its independent policy board's work program and budget. Therefore, it is important for the By-laws and Rules of Procedures to be periodically updated.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve and adopt Resolution R12-2013 – By-laws and Rules of Procedure, as presented.

**10. WASHINGTON BUSINESS JOURNAL BRIEFING
(1:05 – 1:20 p.m.)**

**Alex Orfinger
Publisher, Washington Business Journal**

Mr. Orfinger will brief the Board on WBJ plans to focus on regionalism this year. He will share WBJ's ideas about what might be covered and what the focus might be on regionalism. He will ask for ideas from COG's Board about potential topics and issues of interest related to regionalism.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive presentation.

**11. RESPONSE TO BOARD'S DIRECTIVES FOR FOLLOW UP REGARDING GUN VIOLENCE ISSUE
(1:20 – 1:45 p.m.)**

**Sharon Pandak
COG General Counsel**

In response to the Board's directives at its February 13, 2013 meeting, the following alternative draft resolutions relating to gun violence will be presented for review and consideration:

- R13-2013—a draft resolution endorsing the position of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) regarding addressing gun violence (IACP staff advised that it does not have a list of jurisdictions which have endorsed the IACP position);
- R14-2013—a draft resolution setting forth a process by which pertinent COG Committees examine issues and considerations, and make recommendation(s) to the Board before it considers a resolution regarding gun violence.

Copies of position statements of the IACP, U.S. Conference of Mayors, and Mayors Against Gun Violence requested by the Board are provided. The Board requested the position of the National Association of Counties (NACo); however, NACo has not adopted a position to date.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R13-2013 or R14-2013.

12. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

(1:45 – 1:55 p.m.)

Board members with active engagement and/or leadership roles in state/national associations will be invited to provide status reports on legislative activity related to COG's 2013 Legislative Priorities.

13. OTHER BUSINESS

(1:55 – 2:00 P.M.)

14. ADJOURN – NEXT MEETING APRIL 10, 2013

(2:00 p.m.)

THE NEXT BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD ON APRIL 10, 2013



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