AMCL/ASC Conjoint Business Meeting October 8, 2018

The meeting was held at the in the Rosemont Ballroom at the O'Hare Hyatt during the Association of Mid Council Leaders (AMCL)/Association of Stated Clerks (ASC) joint conference. David Bartley, president of the ASC, opened the meeting with greetings. Erin Cox-Holmes, president of the AMCL, offered instructions for the meeting documents. She opened the meeting with prayer.

<u>Approval of Minutes of the 2017 meetings</u>: Both sets of minutes were approved without correction.

Announcement: Kathy Runyeon offered an invitation to the Winter All Staff Conference to be held December 10-14 at the Mercy Center in Burlingame, CA.

Treasurer's Reports

Forrest Claussen offered the report for the ASC. The report was accepted without question.

Michael Wilson offered the treasurers report for the AMCL which was received without question.

First Time clerks were acknowledged with applause.

President's Remarks

David Bartley offered his remarks which included the formation of some new committees, and a Google group for questions about the work of clerk. The updating of the Stated Clerk's Handbook is in progress. The next update for approval by the association might be after the new Rules of Discipline is adopted.

Erin Cox-Holmes offered remarks which included the need to update the By-Laws for the AMCL. She asked the members of AMCL to acknowledge that the way that we are currently living is not in accordance with the existing By-Laws, and to approve the revisions at the meeting next year. The Presbytery Leader Formation (PLF) program is a three year residential program for the person who is in the position of presbytery leader. A component has been a 90 day companion program, which sometimes works well. This will be under the supervision of AMCL after this meeting. An oversight committee will be named. There was a conversation on Thursday on the future of supporting mid-council leaders especially those who are not eligible for PLF. The plan is to convene new leaders in Louisville to orient them to the work of mid-council leadership. The PLF report is contained in the documents, which includes the \$5000 donation to PLF. Communications includes an AMCL Google group where people can post questions and receive answers. The process was demonstrated. https://groups.google.com/form/#!myforums There was a lunch meeting today with the steering teams of both the AMCL and ASC, which continues the conversation about a possible future merger of the organizations. There will be a group of 6 (three from each group) to continue the conversation. Her report was received.

ASC Nominating Committee

Jessica McMillan and Sara Coe offered the report. Maureen Wright is nominated to be the Secretary for ASC. Candice Sweet is nominated to be the Vice-President of the ASC. There were no nominations from

the floor. They were elected unanimously. Election of the Nominating Committee: Jeremy Campbell, Doska Ross, and Conrad Rocha were elected.

AMCL Nominating Committee

Elona Street-Stewart offered the report, and put in nomination the following people to serve:

Steering Committee: Craig Howard – President; Jan Edmiston – President Elect; Lynn Hargrove – Secretary; Michael Wilson – Treasurer; Brian Wallace, Cindy Bean

Nominating Committee: Elona Street-Stewart, Jennifer Burns Lewis, Gavin Meek, Erin Cox-Holmes, Cindy Kohlmann

PLF Coordinating Team: Susan McGhee

There were no nominations from the floor. The slate of nominees was approved.

Retiring officers from both organizations were recognized.

A service of installation was held for the new officers of both organizations.

Those who are retiring or leaving their service introduced themselves and were thanked with applause.

Craig Howard was invited to come forward and make comments. He showed a photo from the Transportation Museum of a vehicle with many knobs and gauges which he likened to our work. Gifts from Wilson Gunn were offered to Erin, David, Tricia Dykers-Koenig, and Craig Howard in thanks for their leadership.

The motion for AMCL to adjourn was approved.

ASC Regional representatives were elected for 2 Southern California and Hawaii and Southwest – Robin Thomas; 4 Mid America and Sun – Tricia Tedrow; 6 Mid Atlantic, Trinity – Carla Campbell.

The motion for ASC to adjourn was approved.

David Bartley offered the closing prayer.

The AMCL/ASC meeting dates for next year are October 20-22, 2019, which follows the Mid-Council gathering October 18-20.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn R. Hargrove

Secretary, AMCL