**R**ange **A**ssociationof **M**unicipalitiesand **S**chools

Annual Membership Meeting

Wednesday, January 10, 2018 – 5:40 PM

Mt. Iron Community Center

Present: City of Aurora; City of Babbitt; City of Biwabik; City of Buhl; City of Ely; City of Hibbing; City of Hoyt Lakes; City of Mt. Iron; City of Nashwauk; City of Silver Bay; City of Two Harbors; City of Virginia; Clinton Township; Great Scott Township; McDavitt Township; Morse Township; Nashwauk Township; White Township; ISD 166-Cook County; ISD 2142-Crosby Ironton; ISD 2142-St Louis County; ISD 318-Grand Rapids; ISD 701-Hibbing; ISD 706-Virginia; ISD 712-Mt. Iron/Buhl

 President Paul Kess called the meeting to order at 5:52 PM.

 President Kess stated there were thirteen nominations for thirteen positions on the RAMS Board. President Kess called three times for further nominations. There were no additional nominations.

 **Moved by Fisher and supported by Garrity to approve a white ballot for the thirteen board members, as follows:**

**One unexpired term ending December 31, 2018:**

 **Cyndi Worshek**

**Eleven two-year terms – January 1, 2018-December 31, 2019:**

 **Charles Baribeau**

 **Bob Berrini**

 **Pat Garrity**

 **Barb Kalmi**

 **Paul Kess**

 **Dave Lislegard**

 **Milan Luzaich**

 **Ray Marsnik**

 **Alan Stanaway**

 **Ione Tomasetti**

 **Jim Varda**

**One two-year term from the Superintendents Association –January 1, 2018-December 31, 2019:**

 **David Pace**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

Executive Director Steve Giorgi stated the RAMS Board is recommending deletion of the following language in the RAMS By Laws, Section 5, Vacancies, as follows:

*“To fill a vacancy on the Board of Directors that occurs after the annual meeting, unless elected to the Presidency, Vice Presidency or Secretary/Treasurer, primary consideration for vacancy replacement shall be given to the Association member units who have not been represented on the board during the past twelve (12) months.”*

**Moved by Anderson and supported by Perfetto to approve the deletion of the language in the RAMS By-Laws, Section 5, Vacancies. Motion carried unanimously.**

Pat Medure, Chairman, RAMS Finance Committee, reviewed the budget vs. actual amounts for the year 2017, and the budget for the year 2018. Mr. Medure noted the RAMS 2018 budget includes deficit spending of $6,003, which will be taken from reserves, if necessary. Executive Director Giorgi stated the taconite aid has been significantly reduced during the past two years and is the reason for the deficit spending. Efforts will continue to recruit new members and three new corporate members have already agreed to join RAMS in 2018. Pat Medure stated RAMS has approximately $319,000, including the checking and savings accounts.

**Moved by Perfetto and supported by McLaughlin to adjourn at 6:00 P.M. Motion carried.**