

AGENDA

POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, April 8, 2008

555 N. Wabasha Street

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St. Paul, Minnesota 55102

8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

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Members present: John Adams, David Alden, Jim Boyle, John DeSantis, Bright Dornblaser, Robert Freeman, Kevin Goodno, Scott Halstead, Dave Hutcheson, Dan Miller, Andrea Pashiuk.

Staff present: Bob DeBoer, Victoria Ford

Outcomes:

- Begin process for evaluating study proposal submissions.
- Keep members informed and involved in ongoing policy work.

1. Introductions. (8:00 – 8:05 a.m.)
2. Review and approve agenda and outcomes. (8:05 – 8:10 a.m.)
3. Process for evaluating study proposal submissions. (8:10 – 8:30 a.m.)

Proposal process

- Staff will send out a “last chance” notice to Citizens League members to submit proposals for consideration in this round.
- Staff will submit additional proposals.

Evaluation process

- Volunteers needed to review study proposals before discussion at future Policy Advisory Committee meetings.
- Volunteers will receive guidelines on criteria to use for evaluation. To evaluate, volunteers will make notes and give each proposal score of 1-3, where 1 is not good and 3 is excellent.
- Staff will email the Policy Advisory Committee list to get volunteers.
- Staff will review submissions that were considered but not selected in the last round, and will send those that seem promising on to volunteers for reconsideration in this round.

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General comments/questions

- Discussed two potential new criteria and decided that they fit with existing criteria:
 - Who else is working on the issue at hand? (fits in “How can the Citizens League make a unique contribution”?)
 - Is the timing good for this issue? (fits in “What are prospects that project would yield recommendations that could be implemented and have a major impact on the problem?”)
- Discussed how projects are funded. Staff will send an example study committee budget to Policy Advisory Committee.

4. Updates. (8:30 – 9:25 a.m.)

- Immigration and Higher Education

Immigration and Higher Education Study Committee has finished meeting. Policy Advisory Committee and Board of Directors were invited to a meeting to discuss the report on April 3. Since the April 3 meeting, the report has been updated to include more discussion of the pro/con arguments behind each recommendation and to include an Executive Summary and conclusion/next steps section. A text box on “What is postsecondary education?”, explaining that it includes 2- and 4-year technical and liberal arts institutions, will be added.

- Water Policy

Gene Merriam and Diane Krizan are the proposed co-chairs of the Water Policy Study Committee, subject to approval at the April 14 Board meeting.

A leadership team, including the co-chairs, Policy Advisory Committee members Larry Baker and Janna Caywood and Board Members Nena Street and Tom Teigen, will be meeting soon to focus the charge to the committee, decide on the composition of the committee and select committee members.

- Policy Advancement

Urban Partnership Agreement: The Urban Partnership Agreement was in the bonding bill and survived Governor Pawlenty’s veto. There is some policy language that is still under consideration.

Transformation Task Force: The word at the Legislature is that the proposals that came out of the Transformation Task force are still under consideration. Staff will circulate an opinion piece from Medical Facilities co-chairs Duane Benson and Peter Gove that is being submitted to local newspapers throughout Minnesota.

- **Regional Policy Conference**

The Citizens League has received funding from the McKnight Foundation to convene a conference (in partnership with the Humphrey Institute and Metropolitan Council) on regional policy issues. The conference date is not finalized, but will probably occur in late September. The conference will focus on the question “What makes something a region?”

5. Evaluate whether outcomes were achieved. (9:25 – 9:30 a.m.)

Upcoming Meetings

None scheduled

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