

**Subcommittee on Employee Relations
Legislative Coordinating Commission
Wednesday, April 27, 2005
9:00 a.m.
Room 500 North, State Office Building**

Present:

Rep. Chris DeLaForest
Rep. Bruce Anderson
Rep. Debra Hilstrom
Rep. Karen Klinzing
Rep. Tom Rukavina
Sen. Linda Scheid
Sen. Steve Kelley
Sen. David Gaither
Sen. Betsy Wergin

Excused:

Sen. Sandra Pappas

Senator Scheid, acting as convener, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. A quorum was present.

Approval of the Minutes

Sen. Kelley moved approval of the minutes from the June 14, 2004, and December 20, 2004, meetings. **MOTION APPROVED.**

Election of Officers

Rep. Anderson nominated Rep. DeLaForest for the position of Chair. There were no other nominations. Rep. Anderson moved unanimous ballot. The vote was taken. Rep. DeLaForest was elected Chair.

Rep. DeLaForest assumed his role as Chair. Each member of the Subcommittee introduced themselves and indicated which district they represent. Also included in introductions was Subcommittee staff.

Rep. DeLaForest asked Mr. Hubinger to review past traditions for the election of Vice Chair and Secretary. Mr. Hubinger explained that traditionally, the Vice Chair has been from the opposite body of the Chair, and the Secretary has been from the same body of the Chair, but opposite party.

Rep. DeLaForest opened the floor for nominations. Sen. Kelley nominated Sen. Scheid for the position of Vice Chair. There were no other nominations. Sen. Kelley moved unanimous ballot. The vote was taken. Sen. Scheid was elected Vice Chair.

Rep. DeLaForest nominated Rep. Hilstrom for position of Secretary. There were no other nominations. Rep. DeLaForest moved unanimous ballot. The vote was taken. Rep. Hilstrom was elected Secretary.

Adoption of Subcommittee Rules

Mr. Hubinger explained the reason for the proposed change to language on page 3, lines 22 – 24. He stated that the language has become obsolete since the salary range for the chancellor of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU) is now determined through the compensation plan for MnSCU administrators. It is no longer determined separately.

Rep. DeLaForest moved to add the 27th to the date change on page 1. No objection. **MOTION APPROVED.**

Rep. DeLaForest moved adoption of the rules as amended. **MOTION APPROVED.**

Review Role of the Subcommittee

Mr. Hubinger summarized the role and responsibilities of the subcommittee and stood for questions.

Review/Accept Report - The Impact of the Political Subdivision Compensation Limit on Local Units of Government

Mr. Hubinger summarized the report and highlighted the history of the compensation limit as well as the four recommended options, including the pros and cons of each.

There being no discussion regarding the report, Sen. Kelley moved to accept the report. Sen. Scheid thanked members of the Subcommittee and especially everyone listed on page 17, who represented local units of government, for their participation in compiling the information for the report. Rep. DeLaForest also thanked Sen. Scheid for her work on the report and her leadership of the Subcommittee. He also thanked Mr. Hubinger and Ms. Keene for their work.

The vote was taken on the Kelley motion to accept the report. **MOTION APPROVED.**

Mr. Hubinger stated that the next meeting will most likely be this summer. Staff will poll SER members to set a date that works for the majority. Rep. DeLaForest encouraged members to check their e-mail to make it easier for staff. Rep. Hilstrom requested to have legislative assistants included in the e-mails.

There being no further business, Sen. Kelley moved to adjourn the meeting. **MOTION APPROVED.** The subcommittee adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

Representative Chris DeLaForest, Chair