



COALITION of LARGE OHIO URBAN TOWNSHIPS
Annual Meeting
Thursday, January 31, 2019

11:15 a.m.

MINUTES

- I. Welcome - Chair Matacic called the meeting to order at 11:22 a.m. She introduced the CLOUT Executive Committee members present. Ms. Matacic mentioned the promotion of Heidi Fought to Assistant Executive Director with the understanding upon Matt DeTemple's retirement, Ms. Fought would assume the position of Executive Director. Ms. Fought then introduced her replacement, Marisa Myers.
- II. Old Business
 - A. Review of 2018 CLOUT Membership and Financials - Fought reported that there were 55 townships that joined as members in 2018. She reported that as of January 28, there were 45 townships that had joined for 2019. She reported that the CLOUT fund balance, as of January 28, is \$131,478.27. Chair Matacic stated that there will be an expense of at least \$17,000 for the 2019 conference that will include the expenses of the annual meeting, legislative breakfast reception and two breaks for conference attendees.
 - B. Review of Legislative Breakfast Reception - Chair Matacic reported that the Legislative Breakfast Reception had over 50 members of the 133rd General Assembly, or their staff, in attendance. A question was asked as to the timing of the reception and that early morning Wednesday requires an extra hotel night for township officials that live outside of central Ohio. The Chair stated that 55 CLOUT members RSVP'd for the event, more than in 2017. It was noted that the cost to attend was reduced to \$5.00 per person, down from \$20.00.
 - C. Review of 132nd General Assembly and preview of 133rd General Assembly - Fought reviewed legislation passed in the 132nd General Assembly including HB 500 (Township Omnibus) and SB 296 (Pay Raises). She gave an overview of the makeup of the 133rd General Assembly and the speaker battle in the House.
 - D. Update on Status of Amicus Curiae Briefs Filed on Behalf of Coalition - Fought reported that currently there are no pending briefs. Andy Rose, administrator for Concord Township in Lake County, shared that he submitted a CLOUT Litigation Fund request and would be happy to provide additional details to the Executive Committee when they discuss the matter.
- III. New Business
 - A. Adoption of Proposed Bylaws Change - Chair Matacic reported that the CLOUT Executive Committee is recommending a change to the bylaw to state that the Chair of the CLOUT is to be selected from Executive Committee members at the first meeting of the Executive Committee following the annual meeting at which they are elected to serve. She explained that this is current practice and that the Executive Committee would like the bylaws to reflect that. **Galloway moved,**

seconded by Bobovynk, to approve the change. Motion carried. It was recommended by several members that there should be additional cleanup to the bylaws. Fought stated that she would examine the bylaws and provide recommendations to the Executive Committee.

- B. CLOUT 133rd General Assembly Legislative Priorities - Chair Maticic provided an overview of the 133rd legislative priorities adopted by the Executive Committee. A question was asked about adding to the list and Chair Maticic explained that the document is fluid and can be amended at any time. The booklet presented to the membership today was done for the legislative breakfast reception so that legislators had something to take with them and for CLOUT to share with the general OTA membership as part of the CLOUT sponsored breaks on Thursday and Friday this week.
- C. Cox Report Update - Chair Maticic reported that the OTA is still working with Wendell Cox, renowned researcher, on updating the report that was issued in 2012 to demonstrate the effectiveness and efficiency of township government. She provided several statistics from the most recent draft that highlights the value of large urban townships compared to their municipal counterparts.
- D. Questions/Suggestions from Membership - Carano asked if CLOUT was going to fight for additional revenue for large townships given the prior administration took so much from local governments. Fought shared with the group that asking for the LGF back, as it was previously distributed, is not likely to happen and that the sentiment in the General Assembly is to provide more targeted funding, such as for roads, safety services, cemeteries, etc. She asked CLOUT members to provide suggestions on ways that targeted funding could be distributed to townships. Bobovynk inquired as to whether other townships use traffic cameras. Weidman suggested clarification of TIF law to help with an economic development project.
- E. Election of CLOUT Executive Committee Member in Central Region - the Central region met and elected Lee Bodnar, Administrator at Orange Township in Delaware County, to fill the vacant position left when former Prairie Township Administrator Tracy Hatmaker retired last fall.

IV. Items for the Good of the Organization

- V. Adjournment - **Dunlap moved, seconded by Weidman, to adjourn the meeting at 12:43 p.m. Motion carried.**