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NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS ORIENTATION **Keep Calm and Govern On!** **Wednesday, August 26**

The Newly Elected Officials Orientation Session will be held from 9:30 a.m. until Noon. on Wednesday, August 26 in Council Chambers at City of Geneva, 109 James Street in Geneva. The training will be conducted by Geneva Administrator Mary McKittrick, who has been teaching this for the last eight years including at Waubensee Community College. The session is intended for newly elected mayors/presidents and council members/trustees.

Among other topics, the training will cover critical issues such as the Open Meetings Act and the Freedom of Information Act. [Details available here.](#) The session is free to members of Metro West and \$25 for non-members. To register, call 630.859.1331 or email staff at metrowest1565@sbcglobal.net. Each participant will take home a notebook containing the materials presented during the training session.

METRO WEST BOARD MEETING **Thursday, September 24**

The next Metro West Board meeting will be held at Sorrento's Restaurant, 50W187 Route 64 in Maple Park. Networking will begin at 5:30 pm, dinner and the program will start at 6 pm. Among other business, Mayor Kaptain will appoint a nominating committee to prepare a suggested slate of officers to be elected in October. A representative from Com Ed will present information about a legislative initiative for which they would appreciate our support. If you would like to make a reservation for the board meeting, please call 630.859.1331 or email metrowest1565@sbcglobal.net.

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Congratulations to our contest winners:

Lowest Score Foursome: Clarke Mosquito Control
John Kroll, Bob Stoppenbach, Charlie Tapper and Don Tapper
Closest to the Pin (Women): Sue Kling of MB Financial
Closest to the Pin (Men): Steve Jones of Metronet
Longest Drive (Women): Jennifer Hughes of Village of Oswego
Longest Drive (Men): Ben Disney of Ameresco

**SAVE THE DATE: OCTOBER 22
METRO WEST ANNUAL MEETING &
BUSINESS PARTNER APPRECIATION DINNER**

The Board meeting will begin at 5 pm. At 5:30 we will join our Business Partners for the Business Partner Appreciation Dinner. This is a special night to honor our Business Partners. We will also elect and install new officers and honor outgoing board members. The event location will be announced shortly.

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METRO WEST MEETS WITH IDOT SECRETARY BLANKENHORN

Late in June, a contingent of Metro West Mayors and Managers accompanied Executive Director Mary Randle to meet with Illinois Department of Transportation Secretary Randy Blankenhorn at his Chicago office. Secretary Blankenhorn offered the meeting because he had been unable to meet with us during this year's Drive Down due to his Listening Tour through the state of Illinois.

Secretary Blankenhorn was very generous with his time; he met with us for one and one-quarter hours until every participant had an opportunity to be heard. The purpose of the meeting was to get the Secretary's thoughts on what may happen if and when the budget issues have been resolved and to acquaint him with Metro West's priority transportation projects. Mayors and managers from all three of our area counties' municipalities were able to present their priorities. Our participants mentioned that they felt the meeting had been successful and were pleased that Secretary Blankenhorn gave them so much of his time. They stressed to Blankenhorn that we know he can't control the funding issues that must be resolved by the Governor and legislative leaders.

Participants included Elburn Village President David Anderson, North Aurora Village President Dale Berman, Montgomery Village President Matt Brolley, Algonquin Village President John Schmitt, Sugar Grove Administrator Brent Eichelberger, Oswego Village Administrator Carrie Hansen, DeKalb Assistant Transportation Planner Jessica

Hyink, Algonquin Assistant Village Manager Michael Kumbera, DeKalb City Engineer John Laskowski, Yorkville City Administrator Bart Olson, Algonquin Village Administrator Tim Schloneger, City of Aurora Public Works Director Kent Schroth and Executive Director Mary Randle.

Some of projects listed as priorities to our members included widening of Peace Road from Interstate 88 to Route 58 and realigning the intersection at Peace Road and Route 38, the Transit Facility, a collaborative project between several municipalities and DeKalb County that would allow them to store the existing fleet indoors and allow for service expansion throughout the region, Longmeadow Parkway Bridge, widening of U.S. Route 20 to four lanes from Randall Road to Route 47, and the interchange at 88 and Route 47 in Sugar Grove. Also, the widening of Route 47 from Sugar Grove to Kennedy Road in Yorkville, widening to four lanes of Route 56 from Route 25 east to the Kane County line (phase one engineering); improvements on State Routes 31 and 25, widening of Route 30 at Jericho Road to four lane intersection, intersection of Route 56 at Raddant Road, improvement of State Routes in Kendall County and an on ramp going east and off ramp going west on I-88 at Briar Hill Road.

Secretary Blankenhorn spoke of the need for comprehensive state transportation funding and his thoughts of changing some of the ways in which we fund projects such as user fees

ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE CONFERENCE **September 17 – 19 Hilton Chicago**

IML has posted a list of Preliminary Program Topics on its conference website to help you with planning. [Click here](#)

**Registration for the 2015 Annual Conference may be processed two ways.
Advanced registration closes at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 10th**

[Register online](#) with a credit card (preferred)

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and return it with your payment to the:**

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