



**MINNESOTA PUBLIC EMPLOYER
LABOR RELATIONS ASSOCIATION**

Annual Meeting Minutes - 2022

Business Meeting Agenda – Thursday, February 10, 2022

- I. Announcement of Awards
 - 2021 Excellence in Labor Relations Award. Linda Hillenbrand, City of Rochester.
- II. Call Meeting to Order. Jason Schmidt called the meeting to order. 11:31am.
- III. Approval of February 11, 2021, meeting minutes. Motion, second, minutes approved.
- IV. Treasurer’s Report. Balance is healthy, we are looking at bringing more speakers in. It has been difficult to spend down in pandemic. Motion, second, report approved.
- V. Future Conferences.
 - Minnesota PELRA Summer Conference is August 17-19, 2022, in Alexandria, MN.
 - o Anticipate a hybrid conference again but encourage in-person attendance. Great to catch up with people and talk, network, etc.
 - National PELRA Conference moved to June 26-29, 2022, in Austin, Texas.
 - o This is usually in April but rescheduled. Will get back on schedule of April meetings in 2023.
 - Next MPELRA summer conference in 2023 will be in Mankato. Good thing is that we are growing, and can’t fit in some of the places we have met before. Trying Mankato out now.
- VI. Recognition of outgoing board members.
 - Dona Bacon and Jessica Mount
- VII. Election of Officers for 2022-2023.
 - Kathy has agreed to stay on as the president. Which means Jason will remain as past president.
 - New position of director in waiting, see slate in conference packet.
 - No other nominations.
 - Slate moved and seconded. New board passes.
- VIII. Adjourn. 11:39am.

2022-2023 Board of Directors

President	Kathy Megarry – Hennepin County
First Vice President	Jennifer Worthington – MnDot District 7
Second Vice President	Dana Makinen – City of Andover
Director/Treasurer	Kimberly Therres – City of Crystal
Director/Secretary	Paula Graff – Washington County
Director	Givonna Koné – City of Plymouth
Director	Meliene Fontaine-Laska – Crow Wing County
Director	Sheri Chesness – City of Blaine
Director	Benjamin Reber – Wiley Law Office
Director	Aaron Bouschor – Minnesota State Colleges and Universities
Director	Melanie Ault – Carver County
Director/Past President	Jason Schmidt – City of St. Paul
Director in Waiting	Holland Atkinson – City of Minneapolis

Also Serving MPELRA

Board Appointed or Automatic by Bylaws

General Counsel	Jim Laurent – Metropolitan Airports Commission
LMC Representative	Joyce Hottinger – League of Minnesota Cities

MPELRA MEMBERSHIP HISTORY

1996 – 124	2007 – 169	2018 – 232
1997 – 138	2008 – 176	2019 – 206
1998 – 155	2009 – 176	2020 – 226
1999 – 160	2010 – 171	2021 – 173 (impacted by NPELRA website issues)
2000 – 149	2011 – 168	
2001 – 167	2012 – 207	
2002 – 149	2013 – 218	
2003 – 163	2014 – 205	
2004 – 159	2015 – 205	
2005 – 159	2016 – 216	
2006 – 171	2017 – 218	

MPELRA & NPELRA AWARD RECIPIENTS

Year	Excellence in Labor Relations Award
2021	Linda Hillenbrand, City of Rochester
2020	Nancy Deno, City of St. Louis Park Greg Failor, Metropolitan Council
2019	Tony Brown, State of Minnesota
2018	Dale Ignatius, Olmsted County
2017	Carolyn Trevis, State of Minnesota
2016	Kay McAloney, Human Resources Director City of Edina
2015	Jim Genellie, Assistant City Manager City of Hopkins
2014	Roxanne Chmielewski, Human Resources Director Sherburne County
2013	Becky Wodziak, Labor Relations Manager Ramsey County
2012 National PELRA	Kent Michaelson, Human Resources Director City of Bloomington
2012	Frank Madden, Attorney Madden Galanter Hansen, LLP

Year	Excellence in Labor Relations Award, Cont.
2011	Kent Michaelson, Human Resources Director City of Bloomington
2010	Jeanette Sobania, Human Resources Director City of Plymouth
2009	Bill Peters, Labor Relations Director Hennepin County
2008	Paul Larson, State Negotiator State of Minnesota
2004 National PELRA	Jeanette Sobania, Human Resources Director City of Plymouth
2003 National PELRA	Irene Koski, Human Resources Director Stearns County
1989 National PELRA	Rolland C. Toenges, Director of Labor Relations Hennepin County

Year	Pacesetter Award
2020	Beth Belle Isle, Labor Relations Advocate Hennepin County
2012 National PELRA	Roxanne Chmielewski, Human Resources Director Sherburne County Greg Wiley, General Counsel Sherburne County Sheriff's Office
2012	David Lindberg, Human Resources Director St. Francis ISD #15
2010	Bureau of Mediation Services
2009	Krista Amos, Director of Human Resources Blue Earth County and City of Mankato
2008 National PELRA	Kay McAloney, Director of Human Resources Washington County