

**KVCOG**  
**Annual Meeting of the General Assembly**  
September 17, 2008  
Hafford's in Waterville

President Cornell Knight called the 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the KVCOG General Assembly to order. He asked participants to introduce themselves and declared the presence of a quorum. The President noted that the success of KVCOG was a product of the dedication, skills, and perseverance of KVCOG's staff and the municipal, state, and federal officials with whom KVCOG partners. He praised KVCOG staff for a year well done.

Ken Young, Executive Director reviewed the work of the past year and discussed his goals for the upcoming year.

**Adoption of the Membership Fee Schedule for Fiscal Year 2010 beginning July 1, 2009.**

The proposed Membership Fee Schedule for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2009 recommended for adoption by the Executive Director was mailed out with the agenda for the Annual Meeting. He recommended that in recognition of the challenging fiscal conditions member municipalities will face in calendar 2009, the FY 2010 annual membership fee be the same as the current fiscal year fee. After a brief discussion on this subject, the following motion was made:

**Motion.**

Motion by Roland Michaud, second by Roger Averill, to adopt the 2009 Annual Membership Fee Schedule as recommended by the Executive Director.

Motion Passed Unanimously.

**Election of Officers and Directors**

Ann Beverage, chair of the Ballot Committee, reported on the results of the balloting for the slate of Officers and Directors for the ensuing year as presented by the Nominating Committee. The slate included 20 persons. The President asked Ms. Beverage to cast one ballot in favor of the slate as presented and declared the slate elected for the ensuing term. Mr. Knight was re-elected President and Steven Steward, of Bingham, was elected Vice-President. See the copy attached.

**Guest Speaker: Mathew Jacobson, President and CEO, Maine and Company.**

Cornell Knight, KVCOG President, introduced the guest speaker, Mathew Jacobson President and CEO, Maine and Company.

Mr. Jacobson discussed Maine and Company's work as Maine's principal statewide, privately funded business attraction undertaking. He outlined his perception of Maine's advantages and disadvantages in terms of retaining and attracting firms and jobs. He suggested that Maine has a reputation for its high quality workforce and low costs for real estate and labor. This is balanced by its reputation for high costs for health care, energy, comparative dearth of

younger, well educated workers, and government (taxes and regulation). While; generally optimistic, he suggested that robust investments in quality of place, research and development, higher education and workforce training and development would pay dividends going forward.

A lively session of Questions and Answers followed Mr. Jacobson's presentation. Mr. Knight presented him with a certificate of appreciation and an gift certificate.

Door prizes were draw.

### **Close of Business Meeting**

#### **Motion.**

Motion by Roland Michaud, second by Roger Averill, to adjourn the business meeting.

Motion Passed Unanimously.

President Cornell Knight declared the business portion of the 41st KVCOG Annual Meeting closed.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Beverage  
Secretary/Treasurer