

# ICMA INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE

## MEMORANDUM

TO: President Ed Daley and Members of the  
ICMA Executive Board

FROM: Wally Bobkiewicz, Chair  
City Manager – Santa Paula, CA

DATE: March 1, 2008

SUBJECT: **Report from February Committee Meeting –  
Bangalore, India**

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The International Committee had a very successful Winter meeting in Bangalore, India February 9-13, 2008. The committee had an opportunity to interact with city managers from throughout India and meet with representatives of our Indian affiliates. In addition, the committee conducted two days of business meetings including a review and update of our workplan. From these discussions came several issues that I would like to bring to the attention of the Executive Board:

1. **Executive Board Third International Vice President:** The committee had been charged by the Executive Board with polling our affiliate members on the issue of amending the ICMA By-Laws to add a third International Vice President. The following affiliates have indicated their formal support for the addition of the Third Vice President: Australia, Canada, UDiTE, Netherlands, South Africa, Slovakia, New Zealand, United Kingdom and the Indian State Associations of Gujarat, Karnataka and Orissa.

The committee requests that the Executive Board add this issue to a future agenda to once again consider this issue.

2. **International Public Administration Education:** The committee has been considering ways to identify and track needed assistance in the development of university level public administration education programs around the world. The committee recommends to the Executive Board that this issue be referred by the Board to the Alliance for Innovation in Local Government. The committee believes that the work of the Alliance could be broadened by this kind of international focus as well as integration of other international local government management subjects in its work. The committee, along with the

Advisory Board on Graduate Education, have formed good working relationships with the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration (NASPAA) on this issue and the committee encourage the Executive Board to direct staff to continue dialogue with NASPAA on issues of mutual interest.

3. **White Paper “Good Local Governance and ICMA”**: As part of its charge to “advise the ICMA Executive Board on the development of public policy positions on international issues,” the committee has prepared the draft white paper on “Good Governance and ICMA” which is attached for your review. With the concurrence of the Executive Board, the committee would like to begin circulating this draft white paper to our affiliates for comment before approving a final version of the document at our next committee meeting in Richmond, VA.
4. **Annual Conference Discussions**: The committee believes that the progress made with the international affiliate roundtable at the Pittsburgh conference was a great step forward for better interaction among both domestic and international ICMA members. The committee recommends that the Executive Board direct staff to develop more opportunities for more of these discussions focused around subject matter of common interest to affiliates to the extent possible in Richmond and to increase these opportunities at the 2009 Annual Conference in Montreal.
5. **Future Expansion of ICMA International Work**: The committee was interested in receiving feedback on the email solicitation to ICMA members on their contacts with local governments in China. The committee would appreciate receiving from staff an analysis of potential opportunities for work in China and other countries where ICMA is currently not working in order to advise the Executive Board on these issues, per our Charge of Responsibilities.
6. **Discounted Reciprocal Memberships for Affiliate Members**: The committee and Executive Board have discussed this issue on previous occasions, but the committee believes it is important to once again investigate the opportunities for discounted reciprocal membership for individuals who are members of affiliates and then also members of ICMA. The existing program with the Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators is a model the committee believes could work with other affiliates. The committee requests that the Executive Board direct staff to prepare information on this subject for the committee to investigate further.
7. **2009 Winter/Spring Committee Meeting**: The committee has decided to hold our midyear meeting next year in Europe in order to

have constructive dialogue on issues of mutual concern. We would like to have in attendance as many representatives as possible from our affiliates, especially those in Europe (United Kingdom, Ireland, the Netherlands, Hungary, Norway, Slovakia, Sweden and UDiTE). The committee recommends that the Executive Board include in ICMA's FY 2008/09 budget \$20,000 to offer up to ten \$2,000 travel stipends to officials from all of our affiliates to attend this meeting.

A copy of the committee's revised workplan for 2008 is attached for your review.

Thank you for your support of the work of the International Committee.

Attachments:

Revised Committee Workplan

Draft White Paper – "Good Local Governance and ICMA"