

The Municipal Forum of New York, Inc.

*Board of Governors Meeting
November 19, 2009, 1:30P.M., Via Conference Call*

Minutes of the Meeting

A regular meeting of The Municipal Forum of New York, Inc. (the “Forum”) was held on November 19, 2009 at 1:30 PM via conference call. Members of the Board of Governors (the “Board”) participating included A. Anders, J. Branca, R. Raphael, R. Dailey, F. Walton, N. Flynn, C. Kostik, S. Toledo, P. Lamas, D. Tomson, F. Boatright, G. Butcher, S. Kramer, and K. Bond. No Governor was absent. The telephonic meeting of the Board was convened, and opened by the president at 1:30 P.M., who welcomed all participants.

Upon motion by Mr. Branca, seconded by Mr. Dailey, and approved by acclamation, the minutes of the September 16, 2009 regular meeting of the Board was approved.

Mr. Flynn, chair of the Urban Leadership Fellows (Education/Summer Intern) Committee indicated that efforts are underway to get commitments from corporate sponsors for intern work sites for the summer of 2010.

Mr. Tomson, chair of the Membership Committee, indicated he is trying to recruit more members to become corporate sponsors.

In a discussion of the luncheon fees and membership fees adopted at the Board meeting on September 16, 2009, it was noted that the “associate” member category should include students as well as retired or unemployed industry professions. Further it was noted that the luncheon fee for associate members (\$50.00) was a little high and should correspond with the public sector member luncheon fee (\$30.00). Upon motion of Ms. Walton, seconded by Mr. Dailey, it was resolved to include students within the associate member category and charge associate members \$30.00 (rather than \$50.00) for lunches.

Ms. Toledo gave the treasurers report. She thanked Mr. Tomson for the efforts to collect from sponsors for 2008-2009 lunches (\$65,000) and the 2009 annual dinner (\$45,000).

Mr. Walton led a discussion regarding the federal tax status of the Forum [501(c)(6)] and the deductibility of the cost of the meal for persons and entities which purchase lunch and dinner tickets. It was pointed out the invitations to the annual dinner are in the name of the MFYEF which enjoys 501(c)(3) status for purposes of calculating personal and entity deductions.

There being no further business placed on the table, the meeting was adjourned at 2:01P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth W. Bond,
Secretary