**Minutes**

**Iowa State Association of Counties**

**Board of Directors Meeting**

**ISAC Offices, 5500 Westown Parkway, Suite 190**

**West Des Moines, Iowa (Phone – 515.244.7181)**

**Present:** Barry Anderson, Linda Zuercher, Brad Kunkel, Josh Busard, Dave Muhlbauer, Pat Sweeney, Melvyn Houser, Grant Veeder, Mary Ward, Carissa Sisson, Mark Campbell, John Werden, Kevin Grieme, AJ Mumm, Micah Van Maanen, Wade Weiss, Carla Becker, Russell Wood, Mike Miner, Brian Gardner, Sandy Bubke

**Absent:** Eric Van Lancker, Richard Crouch

**Staff:** All ISAC staff participated in presentations to the Board.

**Wednesday, April 3, 2024**

President Barry Anderson called the meeting to order at 8:45 am and led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Litigation Committee Report**

Brian Gardner moved, second by Linda Zuercher for ISAC to engage the Ahlers and Cooney law firm to prepare a friend of the court brief in the case of *Smith v. Des Moines Area Community College*. Motion carried unanimously.

**Board Member Introductions**

President Anderson asked the Board members to introduce themselves to the special guests.

**Presentations from State Executive Directors**

Stephen Acquario, Executive Director from the New York State Association of Counties, and Mark O’Connell, CEO from the Wisconsin Counties Association, gave presentations to the Board regarding how their associations operate. The Board asked questions of the guests.

**Understanding the Role of Executive Director**

Bill facilitated a discussion with Stephen and Mark on what some of the key qualities necessary to successfully lead and manage an association.

**Consultations with ISAC Staff Teams**

Each ISAC team discussed with the Board their priorities regarding the next Executive Director.

**Wrap-Up Session**

Final questions and future plans were discussed with the group.

President Anderson adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m.