

PRESS RELEASE



Southern Iowa Council of Governments Annual Meeting - Elections Held
Creston, Iowa. March 29, 2017

The annual meeting of the Southern Iowa Council of Governments and the Southern Iowa Development Group was held on Wednesday, March 29, 2017.

Marvin McCann, Chairperson, summarized the accomplishments from the organizations' Annual Report 2016. "The organization completed a very prosperous year with over \$8,000,000 in grants coming into the area to benefit the members of SICOG. While SICOG was very successful in accessing money to complete much needed projects, SICOG also assisted with over 165 planning and technical assistance projects," said Mr. McCann. The complete annual report is available for review at the SICOG office or web site.

Mr. McCann added, "It has been a privilege and honor to serve as the Chairman of the Southern Iowa Council of Governments Executive Board over the past 12 months. I certainly would be remorse if I did not acknowledge the abilities of SICOG's small, but efficient staff. This staff is mostly responsible for large grants and beneficial projects being completed." McCann also expressed his appreciation to the rest of the Executive Board members for their assistance throughout the year.

Karen Zabel, representing the City of Lenox in Taylor County on the Southern Iowa Council of Governments Executive Board of Directors, was elected Chairperson for the coming year during the meeting held at the SICOG office.

Others elected include: Karl McCarty, representing Adams County, was elected Vice Chairperson; Lyle Minnick, representing Ringgold County, was elected Treasurer; and Dan Christensen, representing Decatur County, was elected to serve as the organizations' Secretary.

As SICOG chairperson, Zabel will assist the organization to promote the concept of regional approaches to problem solving, strengthen the association's ability to help its members, promote the association, and define its programs.

SICOG is a membership organization for cities and counties within Adair, Adams, Clarke, Decatur, Madison, Ringgold, Taylor, and Union counties. SICOG serves as the source of information about various program processes and grants that can help to develop the economic conditions of the region. SICOG and its members help local communities and counties solve problems on an area-wide basis; whether these problems involve economic development, hazard mitigation planning, transportation planning, downtown development, revolving loan funds, housing development, water or sewer projects.