The NMC Board of Trustees met in Rotary Hall of the NMC Great Lakes Campus at 5:00 p.m. to have a group photo taken.

**CALL TO ORDER**—Chair Douglas S. Bishop called the regular meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**
Trustees present: Douglas S. Bishop, Chris M. Bott, Robert T. Brick, K. Ross Childs, Marilyn Gordon Dresser, Steven G. Rawlings, Kennard R. Weaver

Trustees absent: None

Also present: President Timothy J. Nelson, Tim Arends, Alex Bloye, Vicki Cook, Marguerite Cotto, Richard Dresser, Joy Evans, Diana Fairbanks, Holly Gorton, Dan Goodchild, Bronwyn Jones, Colin Kreh, Mark Liebling, Kyle Morrison, Jason Mudgett, Paul Perry, Ann Rogers, Stephen Sicilano, Randy Smith, Rebecca Teahan, Steve Ursell, Chris Weber, Jessica Wheaton

**REVIEW OF AGENDA**—The agenda was accepted as presented.

Marguerite Cotto introduced new Executive Director of Human Resources Mark Liebling who joined NMC on July 20, 2015. Mr. Liebling then provided a brief summary of his diverse human resources background.

**REPORTS**

**Traverse City Light & Power Presentation**—Tim Arends, Executive Director of Traverse City Light and Power (TCL&P) introduced himself and Jessica Wheaton, Manager of Energy Services & Key Accounts. Arends provided a presentation about TCL&P which included the historical and background information about their organization, community solar and other projects, the cost of energy, electrical rates, distributed generation, and a cogeneration study. When asked about conservation efforts, Arends and NMC Vice President Vicki Cook both shared that NMC has taken advantage of TCL&P programs and will continue to do so.

**Program Focus—International Experiences**—Steve Ursell, International Aviation Instructional Coordinator, provided a presentation on NMC International Experiences. He shared that over the last 5 years NMC has trained over 100 international Aviation students from 18 different countries and has coordinated with other NMC programs including Nursing and Biology. Ursell explained the benefits gained from these great opportunities for sharing program experiences for students, providing a more diverse background; and changing culture at NMC with departments working together. He thanked NMC for Innovation Grant support and President Nelson and the Foundation for the Global Opportunities Fund that provides student scholarships. Student Jason Mudgett spoke
about his wonderful experience with NMC Aviation and international experience, and thanked NMC for the opportunity to go abroad.

**Enrollment Report**—Chris Weber, Vice President for Enrollment Management and Student Services, provided the enrollment report noting that, while total headcount for summer semester declined by 2% compared with summer 2014, NMC Admissions exceeded the summer semester enrollment goal with a final count of 328 new students, an increase of 6%. She also shared that the most recent weekly trending report for fall from Michigan Association for Collegiate and Registrars and Admissions Officers (MACRAO) shows that 19 of 25 Michigan community colleges reporting show a greater loss, or no gain, in comparison to NMC, with only 5 reporting a greater gain.

**Financial Report**—Vicki Cook, Vice President of Finance and Administration, reported that the NMC Business Office is still completing their year-end adjustments and a net gain of approximately $77,000 is projected. She also shared that 2015 audit fieldwork has been completed with no issues or concerns. Cook also provided a quarterly unrealized investment gain report for fiscal year 2015.

**BBQ Report**—Marilyn Dresser, Board representative, referred to the NMC BBQ Report provided in the meeting materials and highlighted that a total of 9,110 tickets were sold and 7,654 people attended. She noted the superb volunteer participation and shared that the list of projects supported by the BBQ was available on the NMC website. Dresser indicated the next NMC BBQ date is May 22, 2016.

**Foundation Report**—Doug Bishop, Board Representative, shared that the Foundation Report was provided in the meeting materials. He highlighted that the FY15 Annual Fund raised $245,857 representing a 17% growth over FY14, and thanked co-chairs Sara Harding and Bill Marsh, Jr. Bishop also noted other Foundation initiatives and upcoming events.

**MCCA Summer Conference Report**—Kennard Weaver and Ross Childs, MCCA Board Representatives, provided a summary report of the two full days of MCCA Summer Conference sessions with great ideas and experiences shared by all community colleges within the state. They encouraged others to attend in the future.

**Legislative Issues Report**—President Timothy Nelson referred to the MCCA report provided and noted a few updates. He shared that SB 98, which would expand community colleges baccalaureate authorization to include nursing, has passed out of committee and work is now focused on getting it passed out of the full Senate and then the House. Increased public and industry support on the bill is now being received, so success is hopeful. NMC had a successful state budget year with an increase in base funding, along with additional funds put into retirement, which was very beneficial. One of two pieces of community college state funding is based on a performance funding formula and Nelson has been asked to sit on a state committee to review the metrics for that formula with a report out by March 2016. President Nelson also talked about a legislative initiative that would allow an associate degree to transfer as a full 60 credits, allowing those students to enter a university at a junior status; and stated the governor had signed legislation that fixes the minimum wage issue for the New Jobs Training Program.
UPDATES

Board Chair Update—Chair Doug Bishop thanked Vice Chair Kennard Weaver for chairing the June meeting in Bishop’s absence. Bishop expressed the great benefit for trustees to attend the MCCCA and ACCT conferences. Bishop reminded trustees to submit any questions of staff pertaining to meeting materials prior to the Board meeting to allow response time.

President’s Update—President Timothy Nelson thanked everyone who was able to attend the MCCCA meetings. He shared that he had visited recently visited some of the College for Kids sessions occurring at Aero Park Campus and was very impressed with the activities the students were participating in, and having a great time. He thanked Don Cunningham and the EES staff for all they do to provide this very important program. Nelson stated that he and Vice President Vicki Cook had recently met with the new City Manager of Traverse City regarding the housing project property collaboration proposal and anticipate a response in the near future. President Nelson shared that three proposals had been received from the Legislative Lobbyist RFP and the Board Revenue/Funding Study Group would be invited to participate in the interviews with those candidates.

PUBLIC INPUT—There was public input offered by Ann Rogers.

DISCUSSION ITEMS—None

CONSENT ITEMS—On a motion by Ross Childs, supported by Kennard Weaver, the following items were approved by a unanimous vote as a group without discussion:
- Minutes of the June 22, 2015, regular meeting and closed sessions

ACTION ITEMS

Board Policies—On a motion by Kennard Weaver, supported by Bob Brick, the Board adopted the following board policies, as reviewed by the Board Policy Committee and recommended without change, on a second-reading basis.
- Policy A-102.00 Board of Trustees Governing Style
- Policy A-103.00 Board Committees
- Policy A-107.00 Board Attendance at Civic and College Events

The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Closed Session—Steve Rawlings made a motion, supported by Bob Brick, requesting that the Board convene in closed session as permitted by Section 8(c) of the Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.268(c), to discuss strategy connected with the negotiation of collective bargaining agreements between the College and the Michigan Education Association. The motion passed with the following roll call vote: Yes: Steve Rawlings, Marilyn Dresser, Ross Childs, Kennard Weaver, Bob Brick, Chris Bott, Doug Bishop; No: none; and the Board went into closed session.

Reconvene Regular Meeting—Kennard Weaver made a motion, supported by Steve Rawlings, to adjourn the closed session and reconvene the open session. The motion passed with the following roll call vote: Yes: Chris Bott, Ross Childs, Kennard Weaver, Bob Brick, Marilyn Dresser, Steve Rawlings, Doug Bishop; No: none; and the regular open session reconvened at 8:04 p.m.
REVIEW OF FOLLOW-UP REQUESTS—Confirmed requests made by the Board that require administrative follow-up for information to be provided to the Board at a later date.

ADJOURNMENT—The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Recorded by Holly Gorton, Executive Assistant to the President and Board of Trustees.

SIGNED

Douglas S. Bishop, Chair

ATTESTED

K. Ross Childs, Secretary