

**Agenda Item Number
11.A.
Supplement**

Goal Setting Session Follow-up

Presenter: Executive Committee

Action Recommended: Confirm Executive Committee Recommendation, Discuss and Provide Direction to Staff

Report:

At its September 18 meeting, the LCOG Executive Committee reviewed the minutes of the Board's July 24 Goal Setting Session (mailed previously to the Board), and a summary of possible actions in three topic areas, as prepared by the Executive Director (previously distributed re. this agenda item). The Committee referred the seventeen possible actions (or areas of emphasis) to the Board for consideration.

The Committee recommended that the Board conduct focused discussions of the six items listed in the "Economy" section in October and a similar discussion of the three items in the "Education" section at its December 11 meeting.

Regarding the "Flow of Board meetings" suggestions, the Committee recommended that each be explored under this agenda item on September 25 and that specific direction to staff be provided. However, broad suggestions were offered by the Committee members.

Role of the Executive Committee: It was felt that the Committee itself should play a more substantial role in shaping the Board agenda in order to assure efficient and meaningful meetings. It was noted that the Executive Committee was next scheduled to meet on November 20 (subject to a change to avoid a conflict with the AOC's Conference in Eugene) and, because of the three-week gap before the Board meeting, could provide greater input to the December 11 agenda. Further, in the new year, the 2004 Executive Committee could determine if a change in its traditional 3rd

Thursday meeting date was needed. As an alternative, it was suggested that the anticipated content of any monthly Board agenda could be communicated to the Executive Committee electronically early in the month by the management team. Committee input could be provided to the Executive Director prior to the preparation of the final agenda. It was suggested that the goals set forth in items 5 and 6 (*regionally significant* issues and *best practices* from elsewhere) could be used by the Committee as it shaped Board agendas.

Orientation of new Board members: The Committee strongly agreed that additional effort to orient new members of the Board would pay dividends in the efficient operation of the body. Twice, or perhaps four-times, per year for separate sessions for new members was considered an appropriate frequency. It was noted that new Board members had been coming throughout the year, but that January and July were the times when most member agencies made their appointments.

Special Presentations: The Committee considered the place that the “item 7 special presentation” had for the Board meetings. It was noted that presenters had been from both outside the organization and within. A variation that was considered involved alternating between the familiar special presentation and an informed discussion on a broadly relevant topic. No conclusion was reached on this concept, but there was general agreement that the special presentations had often been informative and relevant.

Under this agenda item, the Board is encouraged to revisit the suggestions made for improving the effectiveness of meetings and provide direction to staff.