



2019 Resolutions

Resolution 19-01

To hear and act on the report of the Nominating Committee.

The Nominating Committee recommends the Congress to elect the following officers:

To elect as chair for a term of one year.

Brittany Reno, Council President, Borough of Sharpsburg.

To elect as vice chair for a term of one year.

William Stout, Council Member, Borough of Millvale.

To re-elect as secretary/treasurer for a term of one year.

Mary Ellen Ramage, Manager, Borough of Etna.

To re-elect as the manager representative for a term of one year.

Steve Beuter, Manager, Borough of Carnegie.

To appoint as immediate past chair for a term of one year.

J.R. Henry, Mayor, Borough of West View

To re-elect as the Allegheny County representative for a term of one year.

Rich Fitzgerald, County Executive, Allegheny County

To re-elect as the representative of the Mayor's Office of the City of Pittsburgh for a term of one year.

William Peduto, Mayor, City of Pittsburgh

Resolution 19-02

WHEREAS the CONNECT Executive Committee voted in November 2018 to move to a paid membership model to sustain and demonstrate the value of the organization.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED to update language in Section IV of the by-laws defining membership to more accurately reflect the required dues for membership.

Resolution 19-03

WHEREAS CONNECT’s bylaws and organizational structure have only been piecemeal modified as the organization grew and evolved; and

WHEREAS CONNECT’s current three-year strategic plan is drawing to a close while on the cusp of many funding and partnership opportunities; and

WHEREAS CONNECT is celebrating ten years of collaboration, innovation and action in many prioritized policy areas while preparing to enter the next decade.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that CONNECT will convene both a Bylaws Restructure Committee and a Strategic Planning Committee, led by our Officers and open to all interested members.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that both committees will present their recommendations at the 2020 Legislative Session.

Resolution 19-04

WHEREAS the Township of Collier and the Township of Wilkins have requested membership in CONNECT; and

WHEREAS the Township of Collier and the Township of Wilkins have met the criteria set in the “Policy on inviting new municipalities to join the Congress of Neighboring Communities” that was accepted by the CONNECT Executive Committee in February of 2015.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Collier and the Township of Wilkins are accepted as member municipalities by the Congress of Neighboring Communities.

Resolution 19-05

WHEREAS CONNECT and 3 Rivers Wet Weather convened the Sewer Regionalization Implementation Committee (SRIC) from 2013-2015 to assist the Allegheny County Sanitary Authority (ALCOSAN) region in making strides toward a regional sewer system that improves and sustains water quality in Southwestern PA; and

WHEREAS the SRIC efforts led the way to the future transfer of hundreds of miles of intermunicipal trunk sewers to ALCOSAN and regional source reduction; and

WHEREAS ALCOSAN hosted a series of meetings in early 2019 to discuss the Regionalization Transfer Agreement process and to review the Municipal Transfer Agreement templates with the goal of having all agreements signed by January of 2020.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that CONNECT commends and endorses the Regionalization Transfer Agreement process of ALCOSAN.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that CONNECT calls on its member municipalities to support ALCOSAN in meeting the goal of having all transfer agreements signed by January of 2020.

Resolution 19-06

Working Group Activation

WHEREAS CONNECT member municipalities have identified and communicated interest in committing time and energy in pursuing actions in many distinct policy areas; and

WHEREAS CONNECT has demonstrated capacity to regularly convene and act on three to four issues a year and values members, partners and stakeholders' time and energy; and

WHEREAS CONNECT's role and strength in the region has proven to be its ability to convene and activate government and nongovernment partners to affect policy, action and information-sharing.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that CONNECT will regularly convene three policy working groups acknowledging each of the policy areas of interest, ensuring crucial partners from the municipalities, City, County and nongovernmental organizations are present and led by membership who will meet to set a strategy and SMART (specific, measurable, attainable, relevant and timely) goals for the group for the year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that CONNECT will convene an Infrastructure & Utilities Policy Working Group, wherein members will address and/or act on policy issues, including but not limited to: shared infrastructure planning, sewer regionalization, stormwater management, energy/joint energy purchase, and street lighting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that CONNECT will convene a Public Safety & Health Policy Working Group, wherein members will address and/or act on policy issues, including but not limited to: emergency medical services, fire response management, opioid crisis, gun violence, housing quality, seniors, early childhood, food access and other social services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that CONNECT will convene an Economic Development & Environmental Policy Working Group, wherein members will address and/or act on policy issues, including but not limited to: transit-oriented development (TOD), housing markets, green space, tree canopy, air quality, climate change and recycling.