



**RMC Legislative Committee Meeting**  
**July 29, 2025**  
**12:00 pm to 2:00 pm**  
**Wharves of Choptank Visitor & Heritage Center**  
**Minutes**

Participants: Co-Chair Kurt Fuchs, Matthew Tefteau, Bob Zimmeroff, Steve McHenry, Chudi Obi, Stacy Kubofcik, Alice Settle-Raskin, Amy Keller, Gregory Padgham

RMC Staff: Charlotte Davis, Megan D’Arcy, Molli Cole, Leeza DeCheubel

Co-Chair Kurt Fuchs welcomed the committee and initiated the meeting at 12:32 pm.

The committee reviewed the April 21, 2025, meeting minutes. Steve McHenry motioned to approve the minutes; Bob Zimmeroff seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

During the Session 2026 preview, the group discussed the possibility of a special session, noting that plans remain tentative. The budget discussion covered the inclusion of 121 positions and potential buyout options, as well as the use of postcards and letters as educational tools in advocacy efforts.

Members emphasized the goal of restoring funding to historic levels and agreed to add RESI data to upcoming materials. The legislative committee will recommend the proposal to the Executive Committee with amendments, following a motion by Bob Zimmeroff and a second by Alice Settle-Raskin.

The group then reviewed the Rural Maryland Capacity Building Fund, expressing concerns related to nonprofit funding and the use of consultants, particularly around strategic planning and the need to remain cautious with statutory interpretations.

Discussion also covered the Regional Council Capacity Enhancement Act under RMPIF, which aims to provide councils with greater capacity to support their regions. Additional potential legislation, including the return of digital equity efforts and a possible housing bill, was noted. Staff reported that an action alert is planned for release on the Monday before MACo Summer Conference.

In preparation for the Rural Summit, staff confirmed Delegate Regina Boyce as both a sponsor and exhibitor. They are also exploring the possibility of inviting Senator Karen Lewis Young as a guest speaker and Comptroller Brooke Lierman as the luncheon speaker. Planning for awards was also briefly discussed.

Under other business, it was noted that Co-Chair Chris Abell is interested in becoming the GICA representative.

The next meeting date remains to be determined, with a Doodle poll to be sent out to schedule a session near October. The meeting will be virtual via Zoom.

The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 2:04 p.m.