

CHAPTER 138A
LABOR INTERPRETIVE CENTER

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138A.01 LABOR INTERPRETIVE CENTER; BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** The Labor Interpretive Center is a public corporation of the state and is not subject to the laws governing a state agency except as provided in this chapter.

Subd. 2. **Purpose.** The purpose of the Labor Interpretive Center is to celebrate the contribution of working people to the past, present, and future of Minnesota; to spur an interest among the people of Minnesota in their own family and community traditions of work; to help young people discover their work skills and opportunities for a productive working life; and to advance the teaching of work and labor studies in schools and colleges.

Subd. 3. **Board of directors.** The center is governed by a board of ten directors. The membership terms, compensation, removal, and filling of vacancies of members of the board are as provided in section 15.0575. Membership of the board consists of:

- (1) three directors appointed by the governor;
- (2) one director appointed by the mayor of St. Paul, subject to the approval of the city council;
- (3) three directors appointed by the speaker of the house; and
- (4) three directors appointed by the Subcommittee on Committees of the senate Committee on Rules and Administration.

Directors must be representatives of labor, business, state and local government, local education authorities, and arts groups. The chairs of the senate Committee on Jobs, Energy, and Community Development and the house of representatives Committee on Labor-Management Relations shall serve as nonvoting members.

The board shall select a chair of the board from its members, and any other officers of the board deemed necessary.

Subd. 4. **Location.** The center must be located in the Capitol area of St. Paul as defined in section 15B.02, at the site recommended by the Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board.

Subd. 5. **Meetings of the board.** The board shall meet at least twice a year and may hold additional meetings upon giving notice. Board meetings are subject to chapter 13D.

Subd. 6. **Conflict of interest.** A director, employee, or officer of the center may not participate in or vote on a decision of the board relating to a matter in which the director has either a direct or indirect financial interest or a conflict of interest as described in section 10A.07.

Subd. 7. **Tort claims.** The center is a state agency for purposes of section 3.736.

History: 1993 c 369 s 60; 2003 c 17 s 2

138A.02 CENTER PERSONNEL.

Subdivision 1. **Generally.** The board shall appoint an executive director of the center to serve in the unclassified service. The executive director must be chosen on the basis of training, experience, and knowledge in the areas of labor history and the changing world of work. The center shall employ staff, consultants, and other parties necessary to carry out the mission of the center.

Subd. 2. **Status of employees.** Employees of the center are executive branch state employees.

History: 1993 c 369 s 61

138A.03 POWERS; DUTIES; BOARD; CENTER.

Subdivision 1. **General powers.** The board has the powers necessary for the care, management, and direction of the center. The powers include:

- (1) overseeing the planning and construction of the center as funds are available;
- (2) leasing a temporary facility for the center during development of its organization and program; and
- (3) establishing advisory groups as needed to advise the board on program, policy, and related issues.

Subd. 2. **Duties.** The center is a state agency for purposes of the following accounting and budgeting requirements:

- (1) financial reports and other requirements under section 16A.06;
- (2) the state budget system under sections 16A.095, 16A.10, and 16A.11;
- (3) the state allotment and encumbrance, and accounting systems under sections 16A.14, subdivisions 2, 3, 4, and 5; and 16A.15, subdivisions 2 and 3; and
- (4) indirect costs under section 16A.127.

Subd. 3. **Program.** The board shall appoint a program advisory group to oversee the development of the center's programming. It must consist of representatives of cultural and educational organizations, labor education specialists, and curriculum supervisors in local schools.

The program of the center may be implemented through exhibits, performances, seminars, films and multimedia presentations, participatory programs for all ages, and a resource center for teachers. Collaborative program development is encouraged with technical colleges, the Minnesota Historical Society, and other cultural institutions.

Subd. 4. **Board of governors.** The board may establish a board of governors to incorporate as a nonprofit organization to receive donations for the center and to serve as honorary advisors to the board of directors.

History: 1993 c 369 s 62

138A.04 LABOR INTERPRETIVE CENTER ACCOUNT.

The Minnesota labor interpretive center account is an account in the special revenue fund. Funds in the account not needed for the immediate purposes of the center may be invested by the state Board of Investment in any way authorized by section 11A.24. Funds in the account are appropriated to the center to be used as provided in this chapter.

History: 1993 c 369 s 63

138A.05 AUDITS.

The center is subject to the auditing requirements of sections 3.971 and 3.972.

History: 1993 c 369 s 64

138A.06 ANNUAL REPORTS.

The board shall submit annual reports to the legislature on the planning, development, and activities of the center. The board shall supply more frequent reports if requested.

History: 1993 c 369 s 65