

NACPRO Meeting Notes
Teleconference Meeting
January 27, 2014
2:00 pm CST

Present:

Directors: Randy Burkhardt, Maureen Snelgrove, Bill Mitchell, John Elholm, Andy Kimmel, Joe Matthews, John Knight, Daniel Betts, Steve Madewell, Stacy Blackwood, Gary Barth, and Bob Nickovich.

Liaisons: Bill Beckner (NRPA)

Association Manager: Brenda Adams-Weyant

1) Secretary's Report- (John Knight)

Approval of December Minutes-Secretary John Knight submitted Minutes from the December meeting for approval. Motion for approval was made by Maureen Snelgrove and seconded by Bob Nickovich. Motion approved by unanimous vote.

2) President's Report- (Randy Burkhardt)

President Randy Burkhardt had no report for the board.

3) Treasurer's Report (Maureen Snelgrove)

Treasurer Maureen Snelgrove stated that financials look good. Maureen identified the need to produce \$2,000 each month to meet the budget for 2014.

4) Association Managers Report (Brenda Adams-Weyant)

- a) Membership Count - Brenda reported that she is sending invoices for renewal to all members. There are some that still need to renew.
- b) Event Insurance - Brenda reported that the Hampton Inn is requiring that our event obtain Event Insurance. Brenda is looking into the specifics of cost, what coverage is provided, etc.

5) Committee Reports and/or Business

- a) Professional Education - Scott Bangle had no report for the board.
 - i) BREC County Park Tour and classroom session- Brenda reported that the committee met to hear Ted Jack's (BREC) proposal for the county park tour. Ted mentioned there may be an opportunity to stop at LSU to learn about their research on keeping youth, with shorter attention spans, involved in fitness activities. Ted Jack will be getting back with details by Mid-February. The committee is exploring options for CEU's. Brenda reported that she signed Hampton Inn agreement per the board request. The Hampton Inn is located directly across from the Convention Center.

ii) Mecklenburg County Park Tour - Brenda asked Michael Kirschman if the county park tour held as an NRPA Off-site Institute will have CEU's. Michael thought all OSI's offered CEU's but will double check and get back to her.

b) Awards - Daniel Betts

i) We need to increase award revenue to cover all costs of awards program. The committee proposes:
1. Eliminate free banquet ticket for awardees
2. Increase application fee from \$50 to \$60 or \$75

Discussion centered on what effect an increase in the nomination fee might have. Everyone felt that \$75 was nominal and should not reduce the number of nominations we receive.

Motion for approval to remove free banquet ticket and increase application fee to \$75 was made by Daniel Betts and seconded by Maureen Snelgrove. Motion approved by unanimous vote.

ii) Discuss sponsor logos and awards.

Daniel discussed the input received during the previous Board of Directors Meeting and information provided by the Awards Committee for adding up to three sponsor logos to the awards. Also discussed that this would become an added benefit for the highest sponsorship level. Bill Mitchell suggested that agencies send next year's capital budget to Brenda to provide some data to encourage sponsorships at the highest level. It was agreed to limit this level to a total of three sponsors. If we get more interest, we'll explore changes to the sponsorship benefits and structure next year.

Brenda will update the award nomination package and send out next week. She will explain in the message about the changes to policy.

Daniel has a draft award evaluation matrix. He mentioned that it was difficult to develop because there are so many award categories and that some are very similar to each other. He will share with the board for review and comment.

c) Legislation - Joe Matthews for Russ Guiney had no report for the board.

6) Liaison/Affiliate reports

a) NACO- Larry Blackstad/Katie Bess - Brenda informed the board that Katie has taken another position and will no longer be the liaison for NACo. Katie provided an interim contact until her successor is named.

- b) NRPA- Bill Beckner - Bill reported that things seem to be running well. NRPA came out good on Congress and that the three million in grants or 90% have been distributed.

Bill also asked for some input from the Board to insure the a place at the table for County and Special Park Districts for urban grants. He is drafting language that would make it clear that, assuming grant recipients are within a city and provide Summer Food programs, Playgrounds and Neighborhood parks, these urban counties should be included.

- c) SORP - Brenda Adams-Weyant reported that the program for the 2014 National Outdoor Recreation Conference in San Francisco is just about ready to be shared and that registration will be opening soon.

7) **Adjournment**

- a. Bob Nickovich made the motion to adjourn and Daniel Betts seconded.