

**NACPRO Meeting Notes**  
**Teleconference**  
**September 29, 2014**  
**2:00 pm CST**

**Present:**

X	Scott Bangle		Daniel Betts	X	Larry Blackstad	X	Stacy Blackwood		Randy Burkhardt
X	RJ Cardin		Robb Courtney	X	John Elholm	X	Bob Fonte		Rick Gruen
	Russ Guiney		Ted Jack	X	John Knight		Bill Maasen	X	Steve Madewell
X	Bill Mitchell	X	Bob Nickovich		Justin Patterson	X	Joe Roszak		Guy Smith
	Maureen Snelgrove	X	Mark Themig		John VonDeLinde	X	Joe Matthews		

Association Manager: Brenda Adams-Weyant

**1) Secretary's Report**

Approval of July Minutes-Brenda Adams-Weyant submitted Minutes from the July 13, 2014 meeting for approval. No changes were necessary and the minutes were accepted by the Board.

**2) President's Report- (Scott Bangle)**

- a) National Association of State Park Directors Conference – Dan West from Broward County, Florida called to talk about opportunities for more coordination between state and local parks/rec agencies in preparation for speaking at the 2014 NASPD conference in Omaha in early September. Dan is the former director of Ohio State Parks.
- b) Committee assignments
  - Audit –
  - Bob Nickovich oversaw last official audit and remarked that is can be very costly (+\$6000).
  - Stacy Blackwood offered to follow-up. She reports: The Orange County Parks Foundation (a 501c3 non-profit) is required to complete a full professional audit of finances based on the revenues flowing into the organization. The Foundation's attorney indicated that the IRS requires this if the organization receives \$750,000 in private donations or \$2m in cumulative government donations before an official audit is required. OCPF received quotes ranging from \$9,000 to \$15,000 to complete the audit.
  - The list of committee members is attached after the minutes.
- c) NACo Liaison – Scott asked if any other board members had an interest in being the official NACPRO liaison to the NACo Board. Larry indicated that he found the assignment to be worthwhile, that it gives you good access to information that can be shared with NACPRO. Bob Nickovich indicated that NACo never really gave NACPRO much attention until we engaged with their board. Larry offered to serve another year and the board approved. Brenda will follow-up with NACo.

- d) Charlotte meeting agenda – Rather than a typical board meeting, let's focus on a few issues – Strategic Plan, Legislative Issues, 2015 NACPRO Budget. Scott will be in touch with NRPA to get someone to talk to us about their legislative platform.

### **3) Treasurer's Report (Maureen Snelgrove)**

Brenda provided an update in Maureen's absence. Brenda stated that financials were looking good. Revenue has exceeded what we anticipated in the budget and expenditures are slightly lower than what we budgeted for. At this time we have a balance of \$27,652 in NACPRO's bank accounts (last year at this time - \$22,128). Brenda also noted that all the debts are paid for the Special Park District Forum and she will close the account once all the checks have cleared. About \$2181 of revenue from the SPDF will be transferred to the NACPRO checking account.

### **4) Association Managers Report (Brenda Adams-Weyant)**

- a) Membership count- Brenda reported there are 130 members gaining a couple from last month.
- b) Proposed Bylaw Revision – John Knight raised the issue that it has been increasingly difficult to get approval to pay for his NACPRO membership because the name "Individual" implies the agency does not benefit. Brenda suggested a name change to "Professional". There are no other needs to amend the bylaws, so the board approved a shortened review period so that the change could be approved at the annual meeting in October. Brenda will email the membership the proposed change and ask for comments and feedback.
- c) Final New Orleans Income/Expense report – Income exceeded our expenses by \$1,036.71. This year we took in more revenue for the banquet and award application fees and reduced our costs for the award production.
- d) Website Upgrade – Brenda has been reviewing options for a new website that integrates the membership database with online purchasing and broadcast email capability.

### **5) Committee Reports and/or Business**

- a) Professional Education- Brenda noted that planning for the 2015 NACo meeting will start in November.
- b) Legislation- Joe Matthews went through the new NACPRO legislative platform and answered questions. The board approved the new platform. Brenda will get it posted on the website.

### **6) Liaison/Affiliate reports**

- a) NACO- Larry Blackstad reported that LWCF is included in NACO's policy statement. CARA made it through the house last year and may be resurrected. Urban Parks has been reintroduced but there is little hope.
- b) NRPA- PRORAGIS meetings have been scheduled across the US to promote the tool.
- c) SORP- No report

d) CAPRA – No report

**2014-15 NACPRO Committee Membership (Chair in Bold)**

**Standing Committees:**

Legislation – **Russ Guiney**, RJ Cardin,

Audit -

By-Laws – **Joe Roszak** (chair), Larry Blackstad, Bob Nickovich

Awards – **John Knight**, Daniel Betts, Larry Blackstad, Ted Jack, John Elholm

Membership – **Brenda Adams-Weyant**, Ted Jack

Nominations – **Randy Burkhardt**

Professional Education (annual meetings) – **Daniel Betts**, Randy Burkhardt, Bill Beckner, Mark Themig

**Ad-hoc Committees:**

Finance/Endowment – Larry Blackstad

Website – **Brenda Adams-Weyant**, Daniel Betts,

Strategic Plan – **Randy Burkhardt**, Stacy Blackwood, Daniel Betts, Rick Gruen, Brenda Adams-Weyant