

NACPRO Meeting Notes
Teleconference
November 17, 2014
3:00 pm EST

Present:

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

Association Manager: Brenda Adams-Weyant

Guests: Bill Beckner, Joe Matthews

Daniel called meeting to order, John Elholm seconded.

1) Secretary's Report

- a) Approval of September and October Meeting minutes - Justin asked for comments on the meeting minutes that Brenda had sent out. Bill Maasen moved, Randy seconded. All in favor.

2) President's Report

Scott not present

3) Treasurer's Report

Brenda will go over in her report. Maureen not present

4) Association Managers Report

- a) Membership count –
 - Currently have 130 members, renewal notices will be going out shortly. Got a new Bald Eagle sponsorship from Southeast Publications.
- b) 2015 draft budget -
 - Budget shows some of the previous years, up to date. Factored reasonable growth and so on. Brenda asked for comments. Russ moved for approval, Bill Maasen seconded. No discussion on the budget, all in favor.
- c) New website proposal –
 - Brenda presented the proposal for a new website. Brenda uses a cloud type service for her other association, and outlined the capabilities of that type of system. We don't currently have that type of automation in our website system, which has potential to save a lot of her time. The other benefit of this new system is everything is in one place, for example membership rosters and contact information. Brenda has been evaluating 41 different services. Narrowed it to 10 that met our budget and functional needs. Then attended demonstrations and narrowed it to the final group of three.

- Brenda's recommendation was to use Star Chapter, which is \$100 a month. This appears to be affordable, along with a setup fee of \$899. A 12 month contract is required. This service includes a merchant account which will save about 40% on our credit card processing fees. Questions were asked by Bob about the rates for credit card processing in comparison with our existing vendor. Bill asked if this is the same website provider that Brenda uses for SORP. She said it was not, as they use Member Clicks.
- Daniel asked if we should have others review this, and whether we were under a time crunch. Brenda would like to get going soon so she can start realizing a time savings. Wondered if we could do a tentative approval, then see if we could get input over the next week.
- Bob assumed we would have to amend the budget. Brenda would forward a revised budget at the next meeting.
- Bill Maasen moved for approval of the Star Chapter. Mark seconded. Randy gave a caveat that a new budget needed to come next, which was confirmed as the intent of the motion. Bill restated his motion to go with Star Chapter and send out an amended budget. All voted in favor.

5) Committee Reports and/or Business

a) Professional Education – Daniel Betts

- NACPRO's summer meeting at the NACo conference will be July 10-13. As to where we might do a tour, Randy discussed the whitewater center in Charlotte. Bill and Mark discussed the NRPA County Park tour, and said it was a good tour as well. The trail system was another idea for a tour site. Brenda said she would talk with Mecklenburg County. The tour would typically be Saturday, with other events following through Monday.

b) Awards – John Knight

- John was not present. Brenda said the announcement should go out in January and will be working on it using materials from last year. Brenda mentioned Daniel thought some improvements could be made. Daniel asked the Board to be more involved in getting sponsors.

c) Legislation – Russ Guiney

- Russ said nothing new to report.

d) Strategic Plan – Randy Burkhardt

- Randy said he had nothing new to report. He said he would contact Brenda in the near future.

6) Liaison/Affiliate reports

a) CAPRA – Scott Bangle

- Scott was not present. Bill Beckner said Danielle Price at NRPA has left, her replacement is Brenda Beale.

b) NACo – Larry Blackstad

- Larry was not present.

c) NRPA – Bill Beckner

- Bill said Charlotte was the largest NRPA conference in eight years. There will be no mid-year legislative forum this year. They will do something online this year.
- Bill has been researching a new project that led him to a couple of documents. One was a 1965 Parks and Recreation Yearbook. He is going to try and get this copied and sent out. 358 Counties and other authorities participated, so he would like to get

this to them with a letter from NACPRO. The hope is this might inspire membership in NACPRO now, 50 years later.

- Bill added that the proposals for sessions at NRPA are due on the 24th of November.
- d) SORP – Brenda Adams-Weyant
- Brenda said SORP is in the process of putting the National Outdoor Recreation Conference in Annapolis together right now. Calls for presentations are out right now and encouraged people to submit. SORP will soon be coming out with their award nomination announcements and student scholarship opportunities. She encouraged us to let any younger staff know it is coming.

Daniel asked for any last thoughts before the meeting ended.

Randy Burkhardt motioned to adjourn, John Elholm seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.