

NACPRO Meeting Notes

Teleconference

January 26, 2015

3:00 pm EST

Present:

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

Association Manager: Brenda Adams-Weyant

1) Secretary's Report - Justin Patterson

- a) Approval of November Meeting minutes – Justin noted that the meeting location needs to be changed to teleconference. Randy moved with second from Daniel. All in favor.

2) President's Report – Scott Bangle

Nothing to report

3) Treasurer's Report – Maureen Snelgrove

Maureen deferred to Brenda. Brenda updated the budget to reflect the changes that were requested at the last board meeting. However, after reconciling it was clear the end of year numbers were more optimistic than planned and adjusted the income and expenses for 2015. Randy questioned the cash carried forward. Brenda said we had more profit than we anticipated last year and lower expenses. Daniel asked about money for strategic planning (new branding/logo). Brenda said nothing was included, but it is worth discussing as the strategic plan develops. Maureen moved and second by RJ to approve. All in favor.

4) Association Managers Report – Brenda Adams-Weyant

- a) Management contract amendment

Brenda brought an amendment to the board regarding her management contract. She has changed her phone plan to a bundled rate and itemizing NACPRO phone calls is no longer possible. She requests a change to a flat \$5/month. The board did not express any concerns so Scott approved the change. Bob Fonte asked if this charge covers the monthly conference calls. The conference call service is provided by the President. Bob uses a video conferencing system that only costs \$10/month, which is a very good cost. If NACPRO ever needed to have its own conference service, this is a very affordable option. Bob will contact Brenda with more details.

- b) Membership count

131 members now, along with 3 sponsors. One note was a new online payment system that will be coming. Brenda highlighted there were two bald eagle level sponsors.

c) New website status

Brenda working on the new website right now, so as that develops further it will help membership. She described a few different ways it will be more time efficient and of greater value to members. Daniel spoke briefly about the new website, and Justin followed up as well. Looking very nice, and should be ready in a few weeks.

5) Committee Reports and/or Business

a) Professional Education (annual meetings) – Daniel Betts

Daniel mentioned Brenda has contacted Michael Kirschman at Mecklenburg County Parks about the summer meeting, and she expects to hear back from him soon on the tour. Daniel spoke to a few people in Mecklenburg-they mentioned the greenways would be great to visit. Steve said the partnerships they have done there are worth learning more about. Brenda said the whitewater center was an option and Randy said it would be worthwhile. Scott offered to reach out to the director of the whitewater center. Brenda is also getting quotes on hotel and meeting room options. She will have a report at the next meeting.

b) Awards – John Knight

John got some materials from Daniel regarding the previous awards. John doesn't think any major changes are needed but he will be pulling the committee together in a week or two to discuss. The additional award fees instituted last year were successful in closing the funding gap. A box of historic award documents is forwarded to the awards chair every year. It has limited value as most documents are electronic now. It was suggested that this be shipped to Brenda for the archive. John will follow up.

c) Legislation – Russ Guiney

Russ was absent. RJ gave one update on LWCF. They are trying to set up a conference call with NRPA to discuss NRPA's meeting with Chairman Bishop regarding re-authorization of LWCF. Bishop is supportive of the stateside program. Was also interesting in tying LWCF to PILT program (Payment in lieu of taxes). NRPA talked to NACo about it as well, and thought NACPRO could serve as link between the two organizations. RJ gave brief mention of how NRPA is changing from the mid-year legislative conference to doing something more local to be described in an upcoming webinar.

d) Strategic Plan – Randy Burkhardt

Randy has talked with Brenda about some options, and will be scheduling a meeting. More to update at the next Board meeting.

6) Liaison/Affiliate reports

a) CAPRA – Scott Bangle

No update

b) NACo – Larry Blackstad

21-25th of February is the NACo legislative Conference. He expects to follow up with them there about the PILT program, bills associated with it, and how it would tie into the LWCF. Will know more at the end of the month. There was some discussion about the pitfalls of linking PILT with the LWCF and the overall health of the fund.

c) NRPA – Bill Beckner

No update

d) SORP – Brenda Adams-Weyant

Brenda will update SORP on the LWCF issues. Getting ready to open registration on their upcoming conference. Sessions being sorted out now, should be a good program.

Daniel moved to adjourn, John Knight seconded and the meeting was adjourned.