

**NACPRO Meeting Notes**  
**Teleconference**  
**February 23, 2015**  
**3:00 pm EST**

**Present:**

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

Guests: Bill Beckner, Joe Matthews

Association Manager: Brenda Adams-Weyant

**1) Secretary's Report - Justin Patterson**

- a) Approval of January Meeting minutes – Larry Blackstad needs to be added to the attendance list. RJ Cardin made the motion. John Elholm seconded. All in favor

**2) President's Report – Scott Bangle**

Nothing to report

**3) Treasurer's Report – Maureen Snelgrove**

No report

**4) Association Managers Report – Brenda Adams-Weyant**

- a) Membership count  
134 members now, along with 3 sponsors.
- b) New website status  
Brenda's computer crashed a few weeks ago, so work on the new website is behind.
- c) 2015 Award Nominations  
Hope to have website live and award nominations open in early March.
- d) Summer meeting in Charlotte  
Michael Kirschman said a tour in Mecklenburg would be no problem. Several people noted the desire to talk about partnerships was important, along with the national whitewater center. Brenda suggested she pass that theme along and let Michael select based on that direction. Ted liked the Little Sugarcreek Greenway; very nice facilities. The Fairfield Inn appears to be the best location for a hotel. The group agreed to book there.
- e) Change to Professional Member fee structure  
Brenda suggested we change the membership rate to \$90 for the first member regardless of the size of jurisdiction. Scott asked that Brenda develop a proposal and bring that to the next board meeting.

## 5) Committee Reports and/or Business

- a) Professional Education (annual meetings) – Daniel Betts  
No report
- b) Awards – John Knight  
No report
- c) Legislation – Russ Guiney  
Russ gave a brief overview. LWCF was the big issue at the federal level. The outer continental shelf is where much of the LWCF comes from. There is about \$9 billion there. Congress can use that money for just about anything though. The LWCF wants \$900 million, with half to the feds and half to states. There are other pressures on this fund however. Russ and Larry spoke with NRPA, and agreed that several options are ok, so long as LWCF is protected and funded at the appropriate level. PILT and education are other pressures for money, but not all groups have traditionally gained access to those dollars. It was suggested by Bob Fonte that 50% should go to the stateside and that we should support that stance. The group agreed to have anyone who had a particular stance to send that in within the next couple of weeks so RJ could consolidate that into a position for the association to vote on at the next meeting.
- d) Strategic Plan – Randy Burkhardt  
No report. Steve Madewell asked everyone to think about what they value about NACPRO membership and send it to him.

## 6) Liaison/Affiliate reports

- a) CAPRA – Scott Bangle  
No report
- b) NACo – Larry Blackstad  
See Legislation Committee report above.
- c) NRPA – Bill Beckner  
Bill discussed the performance of Proragis. 1187 groups are active in the system, and they recently got 1,300 people to submit their GIS information. Around 100 communities were surveyed recently about performance management, and that information was used to refine Proragis to be more about operations but still provide benchmarking information. Cost per square foot, and similar. The GIS portion is supposed to be launched next Monday.

Brenda asked about a potential board meeting date for NRPA this fall. Need to wait until NRPA has released the general schedule for the Congress so we can plan around that. A number of people said keeping the meeting date close to the county park tour OSI would be helpful. It was recommended we discuss this at the next meeting.

- d) SORP – Brenda Adams-Weyant  
2015 National Outdoor Recreation Conference registration is open and a preliminary program is posted.

Meeting adjourned.