

NACPRO Meeting Notes
Video Conference
November 30, 2015
3:00 pm EDT

Present:

	Scott Bangle	X	Daniel Betts		Larry Blackstad		Stacy Blackwood	X	Randy Burkhardt
	RJ Cardin		Robb Courtney	X	John Elholm	X	Bob Fonte		Rick Gruen
X	Brande Hune		Ted Jack		John Knight	X	Bill Maasen		Steve Madewell
	Bill Mitchell	X	Bob Nickovich	X	Justin Patterson	X	Joe Roszak		Guy Smith
	Maureen Snelgrove		Travis Stombaugh		John VonDeLinde	X	John Wicker		Dave Tyahla

Association Manager: Brenda Adams-Weyant

1) Secretary's Report - John Elholm

Approval of October meeting minutes – Correction to 5a to state that Stacy is also willing to help develop the tour. Maasen made the motion to approve the minutes as amended. Patterson seconded. Motion passes.

2) President's Report – Daniel Betts

This is the final meeting of the calendar year, and as such he extended his well wishes for a happy holiday season.

Daniel also received a request for board membership from Jason McGrew-King from Three Rivers Park District, and Randy added that he had also received board interest from an agency in his area. The board discussed what to do with applications when no positions are available. It was decided to forward them to Brenda, who will forward them to the nominating committee when they begin their work.

In light of having more positions than spots, Joe R. asked about the process of removing members for inactivity so that more interested members could become board members. It was noted that this hadn't been an issue in the recent past, but is something that should be looked into further. Bob N. noted that the bylaws used to contain board member removal policy. Scott and Joe have met to discuss how we should handle inactive board members - they will forward their notes to Daniel and Brenda.

Justin asked why we have so many board members. Bob N. said he did not know the reasoning behind that decision.

3) Treasurer's Report – Brenda Adams-Weyant

The treasurer's report looked good, with finances solidly in the black. Balance in checking is \$31,100. Income is exceeding expenses by \$7003. Many thanks were provided to Brenda for her great work in this area.

- 4) **Association Manager's Report** – Brenda Adams-Weyant
- a) **Membership Report** – Membership is currently at 125. To date we have gotten 15 new members. Brenda will start a new member recruitment soon.

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

- a) **Professional Education** - John Knight
No Report

- b) **Awards – Justin Patterson**

Justin reported that he's begun looking at the materials, and is now looking for forms and a timeline. He suggested that we begin the process in January, which is earlier than last year. Bill Maasen, John E. and Randy agreed to help this year.

- c) **Legislation** - John Wicker and David Tyahla

Senator Barrasso from Wyoming has introduced a bill to reauthorize the Land and Water Conservation Fund and re-establish the formula allotting 60% of funds for stateside activities. There is a potential for a \$200-300 million appropriation.

David noted that NRPA supports this bill. Funding for 2015-16 was included in the budget even though the law has expired. Bishop's bill is still under discussion. NRPA has been working with NACo to develop a response to Bishop's bill.

- d) **Strategic Plan** – Daniel Betts

Daniel has been working with a woman who is interested in assisting with our strategic plan. She'd like to wait until later in December to look into this further. Daniel will include Randy in further discussion since he is leading the strategic plan process.

6) **Liaison/Affiliate Reports**

- a) **CAPRA** - Brande Hune
No Report

- b) **NACo** - Daniel Betts

Meetings are coming up in early December, with Friday meetings being held in Colorado to discuss Financial Statements and on Saturday to discuss Strategic Planning. He will report on this meeting in January.

- c) **NRPA** - David Tyahla

David discussed the recent Economic Impact report on Local Parks. He will forward that to Brenda for distribution to the board.

- d) **SORP** – Brenda Adams-Weyant

Brenda stated that the call for proposals ended on October 31, and that the committee is working on selections for the conference. The conference will be held in May.

It was also mentioned that the Special Park District Forum will be held in mid-June in Cleveland, and the focus will be on urban parks.

7) **Adjourn** –

Wicker made the motion. Burkhardt seconded. Motion passes.