

**NACPRO Meeting Notes**  
**Video Conference**  
**February 29, 2016**  
**3:00 pm EDT**

**Present:**

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

Association Manager: Brenda Adams-Weyant

Guests: Jane Beesley standing in for John Wicker

**1) Secretary's Report - John Elholm**

Approval of January meeting minutes – Brande Hune made the motion to approve the minutes as amended. Justin Patterson seconded. Motion passes.

**2) President's Report – Daniel Betts**

Bob Nickovich is retiring today. Daniel will send a letter thanking him for his service. Jason McGrew-King from Three Rivers Park District expressed interest in being a board member several months back. Daniel will forward his resume to everyone to review. Postpone the decision to March.

The contract for the Association Manager has been finalized with signatures.

**3) Treasurer's Report – Brenda Adams-Weyant**

Good start to the year - income exceeds expenses. Lots of activity with award nominations. The checking account balance stands at \$34,337.

**4) Association Manager's Report – Brenda Adams-Weyant**

- a) **Membership Report** – Membership is currently at 140 professionals and 4 sponsors (RJ Thomas Manufacturing, Southeast Publications, Parks by Nature Network, Go Ape). 17 members have not renewed their membership yet, they will be contacted one more time.
- b) **Database Update** - Brenda finished updating the mailing list she got from Parks and Recreation Business and uploaded to the non-member database. This update included 251 updated contacts, 755 new contacts for a total of 1252 non-member contacts. A new member recruitment campaign will be starting soon.

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

- a) **Professional Education** - John Knight

In John's absence, Brenda reported that she is talking with NACo about free meeting rooms in their booked convention space and we may also use their hotel block. We are considering the Queen Mary ship as venue for the awards banquet. More details to come next month.

**b) Awards – Justin Patterson**

41 award nominations this year (49 last year). Committee has been established. Will schedule a meeting soon. Recommendation to March board meeting – notifications will go out to all submitters by April 15.

**c) Legislation - Jane Beesley**

No updates.

**d) 2016 Board Nominations - Scott Bangle**

Nominations to date: Larry Blackstad, Bob Fonte, Bill Maasen, Joe Roszak, Travis Stombaugh, Jonathan Nicks (Orange County), and Mike Tully (Lake County Forest Preserves).

**e) Inactive Board Member task force - Joe Roszak**

Daniel suggested we activate the Bylaws Committee to draft the attendance policy and review the Bylaws for other updates. Daniel, Larry and Robb volunteered to serve on the committee.

**f) Strategic Plan – Daniel Betts**

Randy, Stacy, Rick, Daniel, and Brenda on committee. Daniel will send consultant's resume to committee members and will set-up a conference call. Committee to meet first then follow-up with consultant. The consultant has asked for a list of past board members - Brenda will compile. We will also need to develop a scope of services.

**6) Liaison/Affiliate Reports**

**a) CAPRA - Brande Hune**

No Report

**b) NACo - Daniel Betts**

The minutes from the December NACO board meeting identified 3 speaking points for 2016: budget surplus in 2015, moving office location, new NACo staff person to help with strategic planning. He will forward the minutes to board members. Their legislative conference just wrapped up, Western Regional Conference is coming up in May, and Annual Conference is in July in Long Beach.

**c) NRPA - David Tyahla**

Senate is trying to bring comprehensive energy bill back to the floor, which would include permanent LWCF. Stateside assistance is included but weak. Bill could move at any time.

Child nutrition program is also being worked on.

Recently released survey from Penn State on what public thinks about local parks. Is it worth taxes? 4 out of 5 people support parks across party lines. Watch for upcoming blog post - Red + Blue = Green.

David suggesting signing up for advocacy alerts on the NRPA website if you want to stay informed on current progress.

d) **SORP** – Brenda Adams-Weyant

Conference registration is open. In Boise, Idaho from May 16-19. Almost 100 attendees registered so far – some of the field workshops are filling up.

7) **Adjourn**

Larry Blackstad made the motion. Joe Roszak seconded. Motion passes.