

NACPRO Meeting Notes
Video Conference
April 25, 2016
3:00 pm EDT

Present:

X	Scott Bangle		Daniel Betts		Larry Blackstad		Stacy Blackwood	X	Randy Burkhardt
	RJ Cardin		Robb Courtney		John Elholm	X	Bob Fonte		Rick Gruen
X	Brande Hune	X	Ted Jack	X	John Knight	X	Bill Maasen	X	Steve Madewell
	Bill Mitchell		Bob Nickovich		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: Doc Dougherty, Jane Beesley for John Wicker

1) Secretary's Report - John Elholm

- a) Approval of March meeting minutes - Madewell made the motion to approve the minutes. Burkhardt seconded. Motion passes.

2) President's Report - John Knight

- a) Daniel Betts has moved to Cincinnati for a job with the city. He sent a letter of resignation last week.
- b) As President Elect, John Knight will be assuming the role of President.
- c) Scott Bangle and Daniel Betts recommended Reginald Moore from Macon Bibb County Parks and Recreation (GA) to fill the director position that opened when Bob Nickovich retired. John agreed and appointed Reginald.
- d) Appointing a new NACo Rep - Randy Burkhardt expressed interest in serving as the NACo Rep. John accepted his offer and appointed him NACo Liaison. Brenda will prepare the letter to NACo announcing this change and will send Randy the contact information for the NACo Rep to NACPRO.

3) Treasurer's Report - Bill Maasen

Balance in checking is \$39,347. Income is exceeding expenses by \$5,176. Madewell made the motion to approve the budget report. Bangle seconded. Motion passes.

4) Association Managers Report - Brenda Adams-Weyant

- a) **Membership report** - Membership is currently at 124. Steve recruited a new sponsor - North Design at the \$1000 level.

5) Committee Reports and/or Business

a) Professional Education – John Knight

- John has been working with LA County Parks. The tour and the educational sessions have been developed and shared with the board. Brenda reports that online registration should be open within the next week.

b) Awards – Bill Maasen for Justin Patterson

Committee was very impressed with the nominations - there's a lot of great stuff happening across the US. Bill thought it was odd that some agencies submitted more than one nomination within a category since it is highly unlikely they would be selected for both. Should we limit nominations to one per category per agency? Consensus was that we should not institute any limits so that we can maximize award nomination revenue.

c) Legislation – Jane Beesley for John Wicker

The Energy Bill is moving forward. It includes LWCF.

d) 2016 Board Nominations - Scott Bangle

The slate includes six new board members. The board discussed Jason McGrew-King's self-nomination. Scott feels he does not qualify since he is not senior staff. Do we need to add examples of job titles in the bylaws to clarify the target membership?

e) Bylaws - Cardin and Blackstad

Larry and RJ have drafted changes to the bylaws that cover board absences and annual meetings. The question was asked if we want to limit our one annual meeting to NACo, or leave it open if other applicable conferences (such as the Special Park District Forum) make more sense in any given year. Consensus was to leave it open and give examples.

f) Strategic Plan – Betts, Burkhardt

Daniel was not in touch with Randy to brief him on his progress and hand-off. Randy's plan is to have a recommendation by the July meeting.

6) Liaison/Affiliate Reports

a) CAPRA – Brande Hune

No report.

b) NACo - Randy Burkhardt

NACo staff have asked if we could lead a classroom session and exercise program in the mornings. Scott had reached out to Long Beach to see if they would help with the exercise programs, and Jane with check with Kaye Michelson to see if LA County Parks can assist. Brenda will send the classroom session request to Randy for follow-up.

c) NRPA – David Tyahla

Watch the Senate Energy Bill for LWCF news. NRPA will have a brief when there is news to share. Child Nutrition reauthorization is also being discussed.

d) SORP – Brenda Adams-Weyant

The conference is just a few weeks away and registration is over 300. There's still time to register if you are interested.

Joe Roszak reminded everyone that the early bird rates for Special Park District Forum go up on May 8. Hotel room block closes on May 9.

Adjournment

Bangle moved to adjourn the meeting. Hune seconded. Motion passes.