



An Affiliate of the National Association of Counties
and National Recreation and Park Association

NACPRO Board Meeting Minutes

Sunday, June 2, 2024, 8am to 11am, Pacific Time
San Diego, California

1) Introductions

	Hezekiah Allen	X	Holli Browder	X	Kyla Brown	X	RJ Cardin	X	Paul Connell
E	Norma E. Garcia		Tim Laurent	X	Bill Maasen		Vacant	X	Tim Morgan
X	Angie Nagle		Monique Odom	E	George Page	X	Todd Palmeter	E	Jeff Perry
X	Reed Richard	X	Nicole Rissler		Joe Roszak		Ralph Schultz	X	Rebekah Snyder
X	Chris Stice	X	Jonathan Vlaming	X	Aimee Vosper		Jon Woodsby	X	Brenda Adams-Weyant

Excused absences: Norma Garcia, George Page, Jeff Perry

Guests: Wanda Ramos, Kim Heuberger, Andrew Struck, Maurice Messina, Katherine Fermenich, Kim Reser, Jodie Adams

2) 2024-25 Slate of Candidates – Aimee Vosper

- a) Ms. Vosper read the slate of officer candidates. Mr. Maasen made a motion to approve the slate and Mr. Stice seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

3) Secretary's Report – Paul Connell

- a) Mr. Connell requested a motion to approve the April 29, 2024 minutes. Motion by Ms. Rissler seconded by Ms. Browder. Motion approved unanimously.

4) President's Report – Aimee Vosper

- a) Ms. Vosper discussed committee assignments and updated committee chairs based upon the organization's bylaws.

5) Treasurer's Report – Nicole Rissler

- a) Ms. Rissler reported that there is \$45,000 in the revenue budget and \$26,000 has been received to date. Several line items were discussed and membership receipts coming in at the end of the year. Currently revenues are \$7,800 ahead of the prior year. Expenses were slightly over last year due to our conducting the annual meeting. Overall, the budget is in good shape.
- b) A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Mr. Cardin, seconded by Ms. Brown and approved unanimously.

6) Executive Director's Report – Brenda Adams-Weyant

- a) **Membership Report:** Ms. Adams-Weyant discussed membership – 293 members from 132 agencies across 37 states. A breakdown by state was provided. Ms. Rissler noted that Florida was leading the

other states in membership. Ms. Nagle asked if we recruited through NACo. Mr. Vlaming promotes NACPRO at the NACo meetings. Ms. Vosper identified under represented states. Mr. Stice recommended that board members recruit in their home states. Mr. Reed offered to recruit members from Louisiana parishes. Ms. Rissler asked if there was a marketing piece available. Ms. Browder stated that they promote NACPRO through their state association and that Georgia has good representation.

b) 2025 Annual Meeting:

- Ms. Adams-Weyant stated that there was no decision yet on where to meet next year. She pointed out that we try to avoid locations from recent NRPA or other industry organization conferences. Ms. Snyder asked why we meet with the Special Park District Forum and Ms. Adams-Weyant mentioned that this increases awareness of NACPRO and provides a more robust learning opportunity. Some of our members attend both meetings or have to choose one over the other if their budget is lean.
- Mr. Maasen stated that if we do partner with the Forum, they would have to make room in their schedule for the awards banquet.
- Mr. Vlaming prefers stand-alone meetings for better networking in our organization. He discussed partnering with NACo but there was not much interest in this. Mr. Palmetter wants to host the annual meeting in 2027 when they hold the Forum. Ms. Rissler discussed hosting the meeting in Sarasota however, the time of year is not great due to higher temperatures, and she suggested April or early May. Mr. Palmetter stated that the Forum is usually in May or June and that we should schedule around those dates.
- Mr. Maasen recommended meeting in Michigan, since we have not met in Michigan in a long time and it would introduce the group to NACPRO. Mr. Palmetter offered to reach out to the organizers. Mr. Morgan offered to host the meeting in Lansing, but feels the Forum in Wayne and Oakland Counties (June 9-12, 2025) would be a better opportunity.
- Ms. Jodie Adams suggested Montana, in Yellowstone County, however, Ms. Adams-Weyant pointed out that we have no agency members in the state and that's essential for success. Ms. Jodie Adams offered to recruit members in Montana.
- Ms. Adams-Weyant reminded the board of our previous discussion about developing a letter of understanding that outlines our needs and how we can contribute if we partner with the Forum in the future. It's important to engage the agency director early in the process of the Forum program development.
- Mr. Vlaming discussed Arizona, Mr. Cardin stated that April or October would be best for this area. Ms. Browder stated that many state parks and rec organizations hold their conferences in the fall, so that may affect participation at our meeting.

7) Committee Reports/Business

a) Legislation – Rebekah Snyder

- Ms. Snyder discussed the responsibilities of the committee. Recommended narrowing the focus by dropping policies that have been before NACo for two years with no active interest. Mr. Cardin indicated that he would like to do something with policies rather than dropping them. Mr. Vlaming proposed that we move long term items to Plank to watch them instead of dropping them. Mr. Cardin said that NACo can be conservative on issues, but there are some items that we should continue to advocate for. Mr. Cardin also suggested taking our own action with Congress if necessary.
- Reviewed policy recommendations for NACo.
 - 1) Improve efficiencies of the LAWCON program.
 - 2) Reducing local match requirements for federal environmental restoration projects.
 - 3) The Renew Conservation Act is expected to be reintroduced next year – wait to see
- Ms. Snyder asked if we should work with NRPA in the same manner. Ms. Browder supported this idea and Ms. Vosper stated that we had done this before.

- Mr. Palmetter advised that the Special Districts were excluded from federal funding like ARPA. NACo does not represent them. He would like us to support legislation important to Special Districts.
- Mr. Maasen made and motion to approve the committee report and NACo resolutions. It was seconded by Mr. Vlaming and approved unanimously.

b) Awards – Holli Browder

- Ms. Browder did not have anything to update for Mr. Perry.

c) Professional Education – Aimee Vosper

- Ms. Vosper discussed logistics for tomorrow’s workshops and what to expect.

d) Bylaws – Ralph Schultz

- No Update.

e) Nominations – Monique Odom

- The slate of candidates was discussed and presented earlier in the meeting.

8) Liaison/Affiliate reports

a) NACo - Jonathan Vlaming

- Mr. Vlaming said thanks to everyone who submitted information on small park departments. He said the table at NACo conference last year did not to recruit any new members, so he’s not doing that this year. He also stated that he will retire in 2 years and we should work on an overlap to replace him.

b) NRPA – Holli Browder

- No Update.

c) CAPRA – Jon Woodsby

- No Update.

9) Open Forum/Roundtable Discussion

a) Mr. Maasen discussed that he would also be retiring next year and hopes that he will have a replacement from Johnson County.

b) Ms. Snyder discussed her upcoming \$150M bond and the support that they had for it.

c) Mr. Richard discussed renewing their millage during a presidential election year.

d) Mr. Connell discussed outdoor AED’s and Palm Beach County’s plans to roll them out.

e) Ms. Vosper thanked everyone for their support and contributions during her presidency as this was her last meeting as president. Ms. Vosper then closed the meeting.

10) Next Meeting

August 26th, 2024 – Teleconference