

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY PARK AND RECREATION OFFICIALS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2002
MARRIOTT WATERSIDE HOTEL
TAMPA BAY, FLORIDA

I. Call to Order

President, John deBessonnet called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.

II. Request for Amendments to the Agenda

There were no amendments to the agenda

III. Roll Call

Members Present

Gene Andal, Executive Secretary
Sacramento County, California

Bill Beckner, Honorary Member
Washington D.C.

John deBessonnet
Harris County, Texas

Bob Nickovich
Lake County, Indiana

Mike Pasteris
Will County, Illinois

Doug Bryant
Hennipen County, Minnesota

Paul Frandsen
Riverside County, California

Don Hoch
Bibb County, Georgia

Bill Scalzo
Maricopa County, Arizona

Dave Noble
Lake County Metroparks, Ohio

Bill Palmer
East Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana

Cindy Welsh
Loudon County, Virginia

Tim Schreiner
Grand Traverse County, Michigan

Ralph Richard
Oakland County, Michigan

Roll Call

Members Present, Continued

William Mitchell
Bucks County, Pennsylvania

John Von de Linde
Anoka County, Minnesota

Ron Benson
Douglas County, Colorado

Graham Skea
Orange County, New York

Paul Mueller
Washington County, Wisconsin

Robert Harbin
Broward County, Florida

Members Excused

Don Cochran
Silver Spring, Maryland

Dan Gooch
DuPage County Forest Preserve, Illinois

Steve Dice
Cleveland Metroparks, Ohio

Annette Wise
Buncombe County, North Carolina

Members Absent

John Weber
Baltimore County, Maryland

Michael Amii
Honolulu County, Hawaii

Wayne Weston
Mecklenburg County, North Carolina

Guest Present

Mr. Ralph Cryder

Mr. Eugene Young
East Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana

Mr. Bob Hall
Executive Director
N.R.P.A.

Mr. Jim Truncer

IV. Introductions

President deBessonnet welcomed all in attendance and asked for the members to introduce themselves and provide a brief commentary on projects, accomplishments, situations each member is currently dealing with in their home Counties.

V. Approval of Minutes

Upon a motion by Mike Pasteris, seconded by Ralph Richard, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the July 13, 2002 Board of Directors Meeting held in New Orleans, Louisiana

VI. Executive Directors Report

Items discussed by Director Andal

- A. Membership Report: A general Membership report showing 174 members as of September 30, 2002 was provided to the Board. Currently there are 25 less members than there were at this time in 2001. A discussion about lower membership numbers and a possible reasoning being that NACPRO information is free on the Internet, thus allowing potential members free access, without paying dues to support the organization.
- B. Corporate Membership Report: A Corporate Membership report showing 10 members as of September 30, 2002 was provided to the Board.
- C. Attendance Report: A report showing Board Member attendance records for Board Meetings from July 1998 to July 2002 was presented to the Board.
- D. Board Member Amii: Michael Amii, from Honolulu, Hawaii has missed the last three Board Meetings and it is known that Michael has accepted a new assignment within Honolulu County. The Board believes that Michael's seat on the Board should be open for a new Board Member.
- E. Newsletter: The next NACPRO Newsletter is nearing completion and should be placed on the Internet within the next couple of weeks. Newsletter Editor, Carolyn Andal is asking the Board for assistance in marketing the Newsletter to Corporate Sponsors, as she does not know these people and is having a hard time selling advertising space to generate revenues for the Newsletter.

VII. Report on N.R.P.A. National Recreation and Park Association

Mr. Bob Hall, the newly announced Interim Executive Director of the National Recreation and Park Association was introduced to the Board. Mr. Hall is very familiar with NACPRO and many of the Board Members. Mr. Hall explained his recent take over of the Executive Directors Office and his short and long term goals for NRPA. Mr. Hall thanked the members of NACPRO for their dedication to the profession and to our Association, and asked for our assistance in his endeavors with NRPA.

VIII. NACO/NACPRO Report

Mr. Gooch was not able to be at our meeting, but he provided a written report outlining various NACO items of interest.

IX. Standing Committee Reports

A. Awards Committee: Mr. Benson gave a verbal report that he has been and will continue working towards making the 2003 awards program the best ever.

B. Bylaws Committee: There was a discussion about the need for clarification over officers who may leave NACPRO mid term and how that should be handled.

C. Finance Committee: Mr. Schreiner filled in for Treasurer Wise due to her absence. The Treasurer accounts are still in the process of being transferred from Schreiner to Wise. The Audit is in the hands of Oakland County, with some additional information needed to be forwarded to Oakland in order to finish the audit. The I.R.S. in September informed Schreiner that \$500.00 is needed to proceed with NACPRO's application for permanent non profit status.

D. Legislation Committee: Mr. Scalzo provided information concerning Land & Water Federal and State Side Funding, Urban Parks & Recreation Wildlife Grants, America's Treasures Grants, and Historic Preservation Grants. There was discussion about the American Academy of Parks and Recreation Administrators and educational programs they are sponsoring.

E. Membership Committee: No Report Given

- F. Nominating Committee: Since Mr. Amii has not been to any meetings in the past year, and it is known that he has accepted a new employment position, his Board Seat is open. Mr. Joe Wynns, was suggested as a new member.
- G. Professional NRPA/NACO Education Committee: Mr. Beckner informed the Board that the Natural Resource Management slots for the 2003 NRPA Congress has been reduced from 40 to 20 slots. Program nominations are due by December 6, 2002. NACPRO has 3 program slots reserved, so the Board needs to develop three programs to be presented. Mr. Beckner asked for Board member to submit their ideas to NRPA and to copy Mr. Beckner so he can help coordinate the programs.

Mr. Beckner reminded the Board that NACO will be holding their 2003 Summer meeting in Milwaukee, Wisconsin next July.

X. Ad Hoc Committee Reports

- A. Historian: No report given.
- B. Internet Communications: Mr. deBessonnet suggested that the NACPRO Internet site be split into "free" and "Members Only" sections. The welcome page would be free to anyone and would provide limited information to viewers. A secure password would be necessary for "Members" to access the rest of the information within the Web site.

After discussion, it was MOVED by Pasteris, with a second by Bryant to have John deBessonnet to modify the NACPRO web site into a "free" introduction/welcome page, and a password protected section. This motion received unanimous approval by the Board.

- C. Scholarship Committee: Mr. Schreiner informed the Board that there was one current scholarship recipient, who is attending the current NRPA Congress.

XI. New Business

- A. Winter/Spring Meeting: Mr. Scalzo provided details about hosting a spring meeting/training conference in the Phoenix area in March of 2003. Cost related to this meeting were discussed (lodging cost, tour cost, items of local interest cost, etc.) With many County's suffering financial constraints, there was discussion about the ability of members being able to attend this meeting. Also discussed was the NACO and NRPA Mid Winter Meetings in Washington D.C. and how many member needed to attend either of these meetings. After discussion, it was decided that rather than having a meeting/training conference in the Spring, we should work towards providing a training conference in conjunction with the NACO Conference to be held in Milwaukee next summer.
- B. Committee Assignments: President deBessonnet requested the following Committee assignments

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Chair</u>	<u>Members</u>
Awards	Ron Benson	Bill Palmer, Dan Gooch, Paul Romero
By-Laws	Don Hoch	Graham Skea, Jon Brady
Finance	Annette Wise	Tim Schreiner, Gene Andal
Legislation	Bill Beckner	Paul Frandsen, Bill Mitchell, Bill Scalzo
Membership	John Von de Linde	Paul Frandsen, Robert Harbin
Nominating	Bob Nickovich	Don Hock, Ralph Richard
Professional Ed.	Bill Beckner	
Accreditation	Don Cochran	
Historian	Dan Gooch	Bill Mitchell, Graham Skea
Internet Com.	John deBessonnet	
Organizational Future	Mike Pasteris	Dan Gooch, Bob Nickovich
NRPA Nat. Forum	Cindy Welsh	

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Chairperson</u>	<u>Members</u>
Scholarship	Tim Schreiner	Paul Mueller
Audit	Ralph Richard	Doug Bryant
NACO Liaison	Dan Gooch	Mike Pasteris
NACPRO Conference	Bill Scalzo	John deBessonnet, Dave Noble, Bill Beckner, Mike Pasteris, Jon Brady

- C. Tour: Mr. Nickovich has put together a tour of the greater Tampa Bay Area, which will take place tomorrow, Thursday, Oct. 17th from 8:00 am until approximately 4:00 pm. The bus will hold 35 people and at the time of this meeting there are only a couple of open seats remaining.

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm