



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY PARK AND RECREATION OFFICIALS

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**NACPRO Meeting Notes**

**Teleconference**

**June 4, 2018**

**3:00 pm EST**

**1) Roll call - Present:**

|   |                  |   |                               |   |                 |   |                |   |                 |
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| X | Steve Anderson   | X | Scott Bangle                  |   | Larry Blackstad | X | Holli Browder  | X | Randy Burkhardt |
|   | RJ Cardin        |   |                               | X | Bob Fonte       |   |                | X | John Knight     |
| X | Bill Maasen      | X | Steve Madewell                | X | Bill Mitchell   |   | Reggie Moore   |   |                 |
| X | Jeff Perry       | X | Joe Roszak                    |   | Jeremy Rogers   | X | Ralph Schultz  |   | Mike Tully      |
|   | Jonathan Vlaming | X | John Wicker<br>(Norma Garcia) | X | James Worsley   | X | Craig Zandstra |   | Kyle Simpson    |

Executive Director: Brenda Adams-Weyant

Excused Absences: Jonathan Vlaming, Larry Blackstad, Mike Tully, Jeremy Rogers

**2) Additions to agenda.**

**3) Secretary's Report – Holli Browder**

- a) Anderson made the motion to approve the March minutes. Mitchell seconded.  
Motion passes.

**4) President's Report – Bill Maasen**

- a) Agenda items for Nashville Board Meeting
- Please send any items for the Nashville meeting to Bill Maasen or Brenda Adams-Weyant
  - Thanks to John Knight for working on the slate of candidates for the 2018 election. Bylaws require that the candidates for nomination will be shared with the board at least 30 days prior to the annual meeting.

This list was as follows:

Officers:

President – Bill Maasen  
 President Elect – Mike Tully  
 Vice President – Joe Roszak  
 Secretary – Holli Browder  
 Treasurer – Larry Blackstad

Past President – John Knight

New Directors:

(2018-2020 Class)

Eric Call, Palm Beach County Parks & Recreation, Florida

Lakita Watson, Suffolk Parks and Recreation, Virginia

- There is a one-year vacancy in the 2017-2019 Class. Chris Stice from Hamilton County Parks & Recreation in Indiana expressed interest during this year's call for candidates. Bill Maasen appointed Chris to the vacant position in the 2017-19 class.

## **5) Treasurer's Report - Larry Blackstad**

No report.

## **6) Executive Director's Report - Brenda Adams-Weyant**

### a) Financial Report

- Brenda stated we are doing really well. We haven't paid out any expenses or bills for Nashville yet. To date we are \$12,819 in revenue over expenditures. Burkhardt made the motion to accept the budget report. Madewell seconds. Motion passes.

### b) Membership Report

- 157 members (20 new members this year)
- 3 sponsors

### c) 2019 Summer Meeting Location

No update yet. We could go with NACo or Special Park District Forum. Further discussion to be had.

### d) Nashville Registration Counts

- 19 for the tour
- 23 banquet
- 15 workshop

The hotel block is sold out and Brenda was able to add more rooms.

34 awards will be given

29 awards will be accepted in person

2 award winners will not be attending

3 award winners have not responded

Awards have been ordered.

## **7) Committee Reports and/or Business**

### **a) Professional Education - James Worsley**

Great tour setup for Saturday, July 14 in Nashville. Tour begins at 8am leaving the hotel and back by 5pm. Lunch will be at one of the site tour locations.

Monday, July 16 the Educational Program will begin at 9am with

- Cultural Diversity Workshop: Monique Odom, Metro Parks Director
- Plan to Play: A Master Plan for the Future: Tim Netsch, Metro Parks Assistant Parks Director for Planning and Facilities Development
- The Ins and Outs of Background Checks: Chris Goodman, SSCI

The tour is \$65 per person and the educational session will be \$25.

b) **Legislation- John Wicker** (Norma Garcia on behalf of John Wicker)  
No update for legislation.

c) **Awards - Mike Tully** (absent)  
Already given by Brenda during her report.

d) **Board Nominations - John Knight**  
See details under President's Report.

## 8) **Liaison/Affiliate reports**

### a) **NACo - Randy Burkhardt**

Food Stamp Program (SNAP Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) was discussed and the impact it has on rural counties and the fact that no government decision has been reached on what the overhaul of the program may entail. Waters of the United States has been regulated by the EPA. This will have long lasting negative effects.

Randy will remain on as the NACO representative for NACPRO. Brenda will prepare and send a formal letter to NACo on this appointment.

### b) **NRPA – Steve Madewell**

The Every Student Succeeds Act may provide some environmental education funding options. Talk to your state departments of education and local school districts about the importance of integrating environmental education in the school curriculum and receiving grant funding under ESSA's 21st Century Community Learning Centers and well-rounded education programs. (See May 22, 2018 NACPRO News for more info).

Steve also wanted to mention that although congress continues to fund LWCF, there is precedent during the Reagan administration of the President signing an executive order not to release the congress approved funding.

### c) **CAPRA - Holli Browder**

All accreditation visits and reaccreditation visits have been scheduled and are being conducted. Hearings regarding the visits will be held on Monday, September 24 during the NRPA Conference in Indianapolis.

## 9) **Hot Topics**

Bill Maasen asked about electric unicycles on trails and referenced Colorado's new e-bike policy. Specifically, the law says a person may ride Class 1 or Class 2 electric-assist bicycles on bike or pedestrian paths where bicycles are authorized to travel, unless a local jurisdiction prohibits the e-bikes. It was a shift, forcing many counties and cities to respond.

Bob Fonte said that Stark Parks is urging a regional approach since they have trails that cross jurisdictions. He said Ohio has a policy in draft right now.

If e-bikes are only allowed as an accommodation/ADA - would users claim they need an accommodation just so they could use their e-bike?

Steve Madewell mentioned that he has used gravel surfacing on trails to discourage high speeds.

Craig Zandstra noted that they have separate trails for walkers and bicyclists.

Ralph Schultz said that they allow class 1 e-bikes, but they are not publicizing it. Trail speed is limited to 10 mph. Officers will cite based on trail conditions/hazardous behaviors.

**Adjourned**