



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

**National Association of County Park and Recreation Officials
Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, August 31, 2020, 3 pm E/ 2 pm C/ 1 pm M/ Noon P
Teleconference**

1) Roll call

X	Steve Anderson	A	Kyla Brown	A	Holli Browder	X	Eric Call	X	RJ Cardin
X	Bob Fonte	A	Norma E. Garcia	X	Tim Laurent	X	Bill Maasen	X	Reggie Moore
X	Monique Odom	X	George Page	X	Jeff Perry	A	Jeremy Rogers	X	Joe Roszak
X	Ralph Schultz	X	Chris Stice	X	Kent Taylor	E	Mike Tully	X	Jonathan Vlaming
X	Aimee Vosper	A	Lakita Watson	X	Jon Woodsby	X	James Worsley	X	Brenda Adams-Weyant

Excused absences: Mike Tully

Guests: Jessica Catlett (Valdosta-Lowndes County Parks and Recreation Authority), Charlie Ban (NACo).

2) Additions to the agenda: None

3) President's Report – Joe Roszak

- a) Joe announced that James Worsley has been promoted to the Deputy County Administrator of Chesterfield County, Virginia and turned the floor over to James to say a few words. James resigned his position as a NACPRO Board Member. James would like to offer his replacement an opportunity to fill the vacancy on the Board. Joe thanked James for his valuable service and many contributions to NACPRO over the several years and wished James the best of luck in his new leadership role.
- b) NRPA and NACo liaison volunteers: Reggie Moore will serve as the NRPA Liaison and Jonathan Vlaming will serve as the NACo Liaison. In addition, Jonathan will relinquish his Vice President role due to the time commitment required as the NACo Liaison. Monique Odom was appointed as the new Vice President by President Roszak. Congratulations Monique!
- c) Board vacancies: There is currently one Board vacancy that was created by the resignation of James Worsley. Joe will coordinate filling this vacancy in the coming weeks.

4) Secretary's Report – Jeff Perry

- a) Conducted roll call.
- b) Jeff requested a motion to approve the June 29, 2020 minutes that was offered by Steve Anderson and seconded by James Worsley. No discussion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

5) Treasurer's Report – Eric Call

- a) Financial Report (attached)

Eric provided an overview of the most recent financial report and indicated that revenues are lower than usual because we are not getting as many job postings, due to the COVID disruption. Membership renewals this fall should bring us back into the black by year's end. Bill Maasen made a motion to approve the report that was seconded by Ralph Schultz. No discussion and the motion passes by unanimous vote.

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

- a) Membership Report: Brenda reported the current membership is at 197 professional members, 3 retirees and 3 sponsors. The recruitment process will start in October and renewal notices will be sent in November. Please be mindful that agency budget implications from COVID 19 could impact memberships.
- b) 2020 new additional member offer: Brenda offered to continue with the reduced membership rate of \$20 for additional members of the same agency and the Board concurred.
- c) NRPA & NACo Liaison Roles: Brenda will work with RJ to develop a draft list of roles and responsibilities associated with these roles and how they will interface with the Legislation Committee. If any Board members have thoughts and ideas on the roles and responsibilities, please send them to Brenda within the next couple of weeks.

7) Committee Reports/Business

- a) Social Justice - Joe Roszak
Joe, James, Monique, and Eric (serving as the Social Justice Committee) provided perspectives for integrating new social justice language into the NACPRO mission statement. There will be ongoing dialogue and associated recommendations coming from the Social Justice Committee with the intent of having a lasting and meaningful impact towards positive change. The draft language will be sent out to the Board Members soon for review and comment. A final draft will be shared with board for approval at next meeting.
- b) Legislation – RJ Cardin
RJ reiterated the recent passing of the land and Water Conservation Fund and the importance of this legislation. Most other major Federal legislation is on hold until the election this fall. RJ also reminded the Board that we will want to start preparing NACPRO's legislative platform, in concert with NACo and NRPA priorities in January / February.
- c) Professional Education – Mike Tully
Joe reported that Cincinnati is looking at backing out of the Special Park District Forum in 2021 due to the uncertainties of the pandemic. This may result in looking ahead to the 2022 Park District Forum in Portland, Oregon in 2022 or exploring a NACO option in 2022. We will continue to monitor this situation.
- d) Awards – Vice President: Monique is poised to assume a leadership role on the awards committee. Brenda will provide guidance as we start preparing for the 2021 awards season in December.
- e) Bylaws - Bill Maasen
Bill and Ralph Schultz have been working on reviewing and revising NACPRO's Bylaws. Bill sent out a draft version of our by-laws for review and consideration. The comments were provided by Brenda so far. Please reach out to Bill, Ralph, or Brenda with any questions. This will be an item for discussion in October with a plan to approve the amendment before the 2021 annual meeting.

8) Liaison/Affiliate reports

- a) CAPRA - Holli Browder: No report.

9) Open Forum/Roundtable Discussion

Chris Stice brought up the threat/pressure of commercial drilling in National Wildlife Refuges via presidential executive orders. Joe mentioned the social justice impacts to the indigenous people and from a broader perspective, protection of natural resources at the national level. More discussion is needed

and possible consideration of incorporating natural resources protection into our national legislative platform.

Bob Fonte mentioned concerns of electric scooters are becoming an emerging issue.

George Page introduced Jessica Catlett, our esteemed voice-over expert for the 2020 NACPRO Awards Program. The Board took the opportunity to thank Jessica for her exceptional work and voice! Well done Jessica!

10) Next Meeting

Monday, October 26, 2020, 3 pm E/ 2 pm C/ 1 pm M/ Noon P
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11) Adjourn