



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

**National Association of County Park and Recreation Officials  
Board Meeting Agenda**

**Monday, December 19, 2022, 3 pm E/ 2 pm C/ 1 pm M/ Noon P  
Teleconference**

**1) Roll call – Kent Taylor**

	Steve Anderson	E	Holli Browder	X	Kyla Brown	E	RJ Cardin	X	Paul Connell
X	Norma E. Garcia	X	Tim Laurent	X	Bill Maasen	E	Reggie Moore	X	Tim Morgan
X	Monique Odom	X	George Page	E	Todd Palmeter	X	Jeff Perry	X	Reed Richard
X	Nicole Rissler	X	Joe Roszak	X	Ralph Schultz	E	Chris Stice	X	Kent Taylor
X	Mike Tully	E	Jonathan Vlaming	X	Aimee Vosper	E	Jon Woodsby	X	Brenda Adams-Weyant

**Excused absences:** Todd Palmeter, Reggie Moore, Chris Stice, Jon Woodsby, Holli Browder, RJ Cardin, Jonathan Vlaming

**Guests:** Rebekah Snyder

**2) Secretary's Report – Kent Taylor**

- a) Mr. Taylor requested a motion to approve the October 31, 2022. Motion to approve by Mr. Schultz, seconded by Mr. Page. Motion approved by unanimous vote

**3) Additions to the agenda**

- a) Board voted unanimously to send \$500 donation to a trail organization in memory of Steve Anderson a NACPRO Board member who passed away unexpectedly in November. The organization selected is the Sun Corridor Trail Alliance.

**4) President's Report – Monique Odom**

- a) Ms. Odom presented the draft Executive Director contract for 2023-2027. Motion to approve by Ms. Rissler, seconded by Mr. Tully. Motion approved by unanimous vote.

**5) Treasurer's Report – Nicole Rissler (attached)**

- a) Ms. Rissler presented the Treasurer's report. Motion to approve by Ms. Brown, seconded by Ms. Garcia. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

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

- a) Ms. Adams-Weyant will bring the 2023 budget to the Board at its February meeting.

- b) Current membership count: 266 Professional, 3 Affiliate, 2 Retired, 1 sponsor. 40 new members since September 1.
- c) Ms. Adams-Weyant presented a sponsorship proposal from Mission Control. The Board discussed this opportunity and consensus was not to move forward with this type of sponsorship at this time.

## 7) Committee Reports/Business

- a) Social Justice – Mr. Roszak presented an overview of the history of this Committee and an overview of possible next steps to be brought forward in the coming year. He also asked if any members are interested in assisting to please contact him or Ms. Adams-Weyant. Ms. Vosper suggested that we could pull together best practices and create a toolbox. Ms. Garcia said they have issues with recruitment, suggested we could discuss at the annual meeting.
- b) Legislation – Ms. Adams-Weyant suggested that Ms. Snyder get in touch with Mr. Vlaming for next steps, since NACo seems to be the most active part of the committee work. The committee would be meeting early in the new year.
- c) Awards – Mr. Perry reported on the upcoming award schedule, nominations open January 6<sup>th</sup> and close on February 19<sup>th</sup>.
- d) Professional Education – Ms. Vosper reported that there is an excellent education program being offered at the 2023 Special Park District Forum and encouraged everyone to register and sign up early.

## 8) Liaison/Affiliate reports

- a) NACo - Jonathan Vlaming

### Fall NACO Conference/meeting

I attended the Large Urban County Caucus (LUCC) /Board of Directors meetings in Oak Brook, Illinois in late November. LUCC is composed of 130 or so large counties that contain 160 million people (nearly half of the US population). A few things really hopped out for me:

1. Workforce Housing is at the forefront of urban county concerns. The term will likely replace “affordable housing”. NACO just formed a task force on it.
  1. It got me thinking about the parks/housing interface and I started to dig into it a bit during downtimes. If your agency has landholdings in urban areas, you can expect to be pulled into this conversation. There may be pressure to convert open space to housing. There may be opportunities to integrate new open space with housing development. There may be debates over the pros and cons of urban park improvements, as some advocacy groups see park improvements as an inadvertent driver of gentrification and increased housing prices.
  2. It would be good to get ahead of this train and help steer discussion. **Is there interest at NACPRO in helping put together a panel of park directors who are dealing with parks/workforce housing integration to have a discussion session at the NACo summer meeting in Austin Texas?**
  
2. NACo (as explained by their CEO Matt Chase) is very proud of their fact-based approach to decision-making and advocacy. Unfortunately, on their site and in their published fact books, there is very little about parks. Here’s a link to the online version of the fact book <https://www.naco.org/about/counties-matter>
  1. What are the benefits to expanding the awareness of and presence of parks within NACO publications?
  2. If so, what kind of info are they looking for?
  3. Can the study we put together to try to identify all of the park agencies/special districts/authorities/etc. be used to help provide solid data for NACO?

b) CAPRA – Jon Woodsby

### Executive Committee (EC)

The EC is working through details regarding virtual and in-person 2023 site visits; the 2023 annual report details (volunteer job descriptions, standards agencies need to report on); and working with Reimagination Task Force and NRPA staff on new standards and integration of new technology.

### Training

Nicole Falceto has been appointed as Chair of the Training Committee. The Committee will work on setting dates and instructors for all 2023 visit season trainings (planned for January) and will be working together to create 4 proposals for CAPRA sessions at the 2023 NRPA Conference.

### Volunteers

Tara Stewart has been appointed as Chair of the Volunteer Committee. The Committee continues to make strong progress on components of the CAPRA volunteer acquisition campaign:

**Video Filming in Phoenix:** Our video filming in Phoenix was a great success and we received testimonials from 12 different CAPRA volunteers with varying levels of experience!

Geronimo Aguirre	Jen Basham	Fred Couceyro
Tyre Davis	Nancy Desmond	Nicole Falceto
Michael Klitzing	Ed Matthews	Gary Mills
Scott Scherberger	Deb Schoe	Cortney Weinstock

**Next steps** – We will be working with the video company who did the recording in Phoenix to create the final product for us. We plan to debut the video as part of e-campaign mailing to prospective volunteers in March 2023.

- **December 2022 Blog Posts**

Bob Bierscheid and Sharon Bousquet have written blog posts about their volunteer experiences with one to be published at the beginning of the month and one at the end of the month. **First one published:** <https://www.nrpa.org/blog/what-does-it-mean-to-be-a-capra-volunteer/>

- **January 2023 article is complete**

It is now being edited by the NRPA magazine team to be published in the January 2023 issue. Also want to share that the session on becoming a CAPRA volunteer at conference was very well attended and yielded 17 new volunteer applications for us providing a great foundation for our campaign.

- **February 2023 Open Space Radio episode**

Based on our desired topic, we have secured Rod Tarullo to be the experienced volunteer but working to identify a newer volunteer to participate in the discussion with him.

- **State Affiliates Outreach**

Erika Devore has agreed to be the lead on this project. The plan is to leverage the publication of the NRPA article in January and send a note to all state affiliates encouraging them to include the information in the upcoming addition of their magazine and newsletter. The communication will come directly from Erika and she will share how she plans to share the article with her state members.

**Date of next CAPRA commission meeting: Wednesday, January 25 at 2pm est.**

## 9) Open Forum/Roundtable Discussion

**10) Next Meeting**

February 27, 2023

3 pm E/ 2 pm C/ 1 pm M/ Noon P

Teleconference

**2023 meeting dates (3 pm E/ 2 pm C/ 1 pm M/ Noon P)**

February 27, teleconference

April 24, teleconference

June 20, annual meeting, in person (Special Park District Forum)

August 28, teleconference

October 30, teleconference

December 18, teleconference