



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

NACPRO Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 28, 2023, 3pm to 4pm, Eastern Time
Teleconference

1) Introductions

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

Excused absences: Monique Odom, Nicole Rissler, Reed Richard, Todd Palmeter

Guests:

2) Secretary's Report – Paul Connell

- a) Mr. Connell requested a motion to approve the June 22, 2023 minutes. Motion by Bill Maasen, seconded by Ralph Schultz. Motion approved unanimously.

3) President's Report – Aimee Vosper

- a) Ms. Vosper discussed the president succession process including:
 - A proposal to switch from a four-year structure to a three-year structure.
 - Eliminate the President Elect office and open the chair of the Professional Development Committee to any board member. One benefit being that it would be easier recruit people for the office.
 - Ms. Adams-Weyant said that Reed Richard withdrew his nomination as Vice President, opting to serve on the Awards Committee to better understand the responsibility of the VP.
 - Mr. Roszak stated that being President Elect is an easy lift, but does not think it should be eliminated.
 - Ms. Adams-Weyant mentioned that if the President Elect role was kept, we would need to fill both the VP and President Elect next year. She sees officers as filling mission critical roles; chairing the professional development committee is not difficult and could go to any board member.
 - Ms. Vosper suggested tabling this decision until later in the year to give us more time to consider this change.

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

- a) Ms. Adams-Weyant presented the Treasurer's report. Ms. Adams-Weyant discussed changes made to financial documents including a cash flow comparison to the prior year and the addition of a budget column. Ms. Adams-Weyant discussed various operating expenses that were either greater or lower than the prior year. She also said that website service had not been great and they continue to raise the cost. She stated that we may have to look for another provider in the future. Motion to approve by Holli Browder, seconded by RJ Cardin. Motion passed unanimously.
- b) Membership report: Ms. Adams-Weyant discussed a new ad hoc committee on membership that would meet next week. She also posed the question on whether we should allow Canadian members. There is currently no reason in the bylaws to exclude international members.
Member Count: Associate Members: 6, Professional Members: 270, Retiree: 2, Sponsors: 2
- c) Ms. Adams-Weyant discussed the difficulty she has had working with the Special Parks District Forum and in particular the banquet and awards ceremony. She suggested that we have an agreement with the host Department Director in the future that spells our needs and expectations early in the conference planning process. Mr. Page said that he liked when we did our own annual meeting. Mr. Connell stated that a letter of understanding may be better since agreements may have to go to the host's board for approval. He also stated that there may be instances where a potential attendee may have to choose which meeting to go to if there were limits on out of state travel in the jurisdiction. Mr. Morgan stated he has enjoyed both meeting arrangements. Mr. Maasen stated that the organization wanted to support Ms. Adams-Weyant, the next decision will be for 2025 and that she should not have heartburn over the event.
- d) New board members Hezekiah Allen and Angie Nagle introduced themselves.

5) Committee Reports/Business

- a) Social Justice - Joe Roszak
 - Discussed equity managers in the private sector are being laid off. Attention was shifting elsewhere, however, it was still strong and a priority in the public sector.
- b) Professional Education – Aimee Vosper
 - Meeting with Executive Director Brian Albright who has a subcommittee. They have ideas on what to offer and are narrowing the focus at this point.
- c) Bylaws – Ralph Schultz
 - Recommend pulling together proposed bylaw recommendations on social justice, president elect, and attendance at board meetings.
- d) Legislation – Rebekah Snyder – No report
- e) Awards – Jeff Perry
 - Jeff thanked the awards committee and will discuss any recommended changes at the next board meeting such as looking at the fee structure.

6) Liaison/Affiliate reports

- a) NACo - Jonathan Vlaming
 - Of the nine proposed policy resolutions six resolutions were considered by the Public Lands Subcommittee, two were considered by the Transportation Subcommittee, and one was considered by the Environment/Energy/Land Use Subcommittee.
 - The Transportation and EELU policies were approved unanimously.
 - The Public Land Committee discussed why that subcommittee was getting parks related policies, the appropriateness of considering any resolutions that were submitted by non-committee members, and protocol for submitting policies that reference support of specific bills. Consequently, four of the six proposed resolutions were approved.
 - Pursuing proposal to work with NACo to develop a "Committee on County Parks Systems" subcommittee in NACo to give additional focus and attention to the unique issues facing counties. Investigating which committee would be a good home.
 - See Mr. Vlaming's report for additional details

- b) NRPA – No report
- c) CAPRA – Jon Woodsby
 - Mr. Woodsby's report was emailed to the board members.

9) Open Forum/Roundtable Discussion

a) Cannabis Use Policies

- Mr. Perry asked how different jurisdictions were dealing with cannabis consumption in parks where cannabis legislation had been passed.
- Ms. Brown said Riverside has rules similar to cigarette smoking, rangers handle issues similar to under the influence issues with alcohol.
- Mr. Morgan stated that they have recreational use laws. He stated that it is almost impossible to enforce rules and that community and city police do not respond.
- Mr. Schultz stated that in Illinois individuals cannot use it in public places but they have to be caught in the act.

10) Next Meetings

October 30, teleconference

December 18, teleconference