

NACPRO Meeting Notes
Charlotte, NC
July 12, 2015
9:00 am EDT

Present:

X	Scott Bangle	X	Daniel Betts		Larry Blackstad		Stacy Blackwood	X	Randy Burkhardt
	RJ Cardin		Robb Courtney	X	John Elholm	X	Bob Fonte		Rick Gruen
X	Russ Guiney		Ted Jack	X	John Knight	X	Bill Maasen		Steve Madewell
	Bill Mitchell		Bob Nickovich		Justin Patterson		Joe Roszak		Guy Smith
	Maureen Snelgrove	X	Travis Stombaugh		John VonDeLinde				

Guests: David Tyahla, Becky Parkin, Darrell Stewart

Association Manager: Brenda Adams-Weyant

1) Introductions

2) Secretary's Report

- a) Approval of May meeting minutes – Maasen made the motion. Knight seconded. Motion passed.

3) 2015 Slate of Candidates - Randy Burkhardt

- a) Randy noted that this is the first time in many years that we have a full board of 24 members.
- b) VonDeLinde moved to approve the slate, Guiney seconded, Motion passes.

4) President's Report – Daniel Betts

- a) Appoint CAPRA Liaison - Tabled for internal discussion
- b) 2015-16 Priorities
 Daniel wants to spend some time this year discussing the future of NACPRO. Where do we see ourselves in 5 or 10 years? Then develop a strategic plan to help get us there. He's like to increase visibility among our partners - NRPA, NACo and Special Park District Forum. He passed out a board assessment survey for board members present to complete. Brenda will send the assessment form to board members not present and will compile results for the August board meeting.
- c) Committee Membership
 Please consider what committees you want to serve on in 2015-16. We will be discussing assignments soon.

5) Association Manager's Report – Brenda Adams-Weyant

- a) **Membership Report** - Brenda presented a membership report that shows trends over the last five years. We have seen a decrease in membership and number of agencies represented in our membership in the last two years. Brenda plans to increase her recruitment efforts this fall to help reverse this trend. She reported that about 25% of members that do not renew are members that retire. The new directors are contacted with information about NACPRO, but few join.
- b) **Financial Report** - Income for the year stands at \$17,705 and expenses at \$10,078. The checking account balance is \$31,524. Brenda also shared the estimated income and expenses for the Charlotte meeting, which she projects will end in the black with about \$525 in profit.
- c) **New Website Report** - Brenda reported that our new website is getting good traffic. The web based forms (membership, job posting and awards) have worked well with few issues or questions. Online payment capability and streamlined newsletter creation is saving her time over the previous methods. There is room to grow if we want to roll out new pages - like a best practices database.

2) Committee Reports and/or Business

- a) **Legislation** - Russ Guiney introduced David Tyahla from NRPA. Transportation/MAP-21 - Expires end of July. It will likely be extended. The highway trust fund becomes insolvent in September - gas taxes are not sufficient to meet needs. The DRIVE Act is currently circulating. It fully funds highway programs for six years and is capped at 350 billion dollars. There is no political will to increase gas taxes and a long term funding solution has not been proposed. 100% of TAP money to the "population" pot, giving MPOs control over twice as much TAP funding. Increase funding for TAP from the current level of \$819 million/year to \$850 million/year—but TAP funding would be frozen at this level and would not increase over the six year bill.

LWCF - Expires at end of September. Not expected to have a bill passed by the expiration date. House and Senate committee interest in an amendment or new bill. Efforts to raise awareness on the need for stable stateside funding have been effective. NRPA's position is permanent and fully funded LWCF with no less than 40% guaranteed stateside. Outlook is good with bipartisan support.

Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) - A big issue in the west. Western representatives do not want to see more public lands and are willing to support LWCF if PILT is funded with off-shore revenues.

NACo - supports LWCF and PILT in their platform. NACPRO serves important role in bringing NRPA and NACo together.

There will be no Legislative Forum this year. Instead asking members to invite congressional members to LWCF dedication events. NRPA has resources to help.

Scott Bangle mentioned that LWCF funds have too many strings attached and cumbersome processes. He cited an example where the state sat on the paperwork for two years then gave him two months to complete the project. It can be very difficult and expensive to accommodate the requirements and has declined funding because of this. Other meeting attendees agreed. The reauthorization needs to include requirements that make it easier to use these funds. David asked meeting attendees to send him examples so he can elevate this issue.

b) **Professional Education** – John Knight

i) 2016 NACo Conference - Long Beach, CA, July 22-25, 2016 (LA County)

c) **Awards** – John Knight

John reported that the committee reviewed 49 award nominations and selected 24 for award. Good proof that the increased award fees have not been an impediment. Banquet attendance is lower than expected.

3) Liaison/Affiliate reports

a) **NACo** – Scott Bangle

Larry Blackstad is stepping down as the liaison. The board will be discussing who will take his place.

b) **CAPRA** - Scott Bangle

Scott will be stepping down after the hearings this year. He mentioned that it is a very involved process with a large time commitment. This is a three-year appointment. The board will be discussing who will take his place. Scott offered to help any agency seeking accreditation.

c) **NRPA** - David Tyahla

50th Anniversary of NRPA - celebration at conference in Las Vegas.

d) **SORP** – Brenda Adams-Weyant

Planning has started for the 2016 conference which will be co-hosted with the River Management Society and held in Boise, Idaho next May. The call for presentation proposals should be out in early September.

4) Open Forum/Roundtable Discussion

a) How do we get more people to attend the summer meeting? Suggestion to have an attendee write an article about the experience for the newsletter. Appeal to members at the personal level.

b) Bob Fonte reported that Stark Parks will be posting the 2017 Special Park District Forum. No one has stepped forward to host 2016. 2018 and 19 have hosts.

c) 2016 NRPA Congress will be in St. Louis.

5) Adjourn - Burkhardt made the motion to adjourn, Bangle seconded. Motion passed.