



NACPRO Meeting Notes
Teleconference
May 15, 2017
3:00 pm EST

Present:

	Steve Anderson		Scott Bangle		Larry Blackstad	X	Holli Browder	X	Randy Burkhardt
	RJ Cardin		Dale "Doc" Dougherty	X	Bob Fonte		Brande Hune		John Knight
X	Bill Maasen	X	Steve Madewell		Bill Mitchell		Reggie Moore	X	Jon Nicks
	Joe Roszak		Maureen Snelgrove		Travis Stombaugh		Mike Tully		John VonDeLinde
X	John Wicker		James Worsley		Craig Zandstra	X	Dave Tyahla		

Association Manager: Brenda Adams-Weyant

Guests: Jayni Rasmussen, NRPA

Excused Absences: John Knight, Scott Bangle, Brande Hune, John VonDeLinde, RJ Cardin, Bill Mitchell

1) Secretary's Report

a) March 2017 Minutes

No quorum, approve minutes at June board meeting.

2) President's Report - John Knight

No report.

3) Treasurer's Report - Brenda Adams-Weyant

a) Budget report

A full report was attached to the meeting agenda. As of 5/10/17, there was \$47,462 in checking, and income exceeded expenses by \$9,194.

4) Association Managers Report - Brenda Adams-Weyant

a) Membership Report

Membership count is currently at 152 professionals and 5 sponsors. Last year we had 133 members, do we know what's behind the increase? Adams-Weyant suggested

referrals from members. Wicker said that the new members that he welcomed joined to submit award nominations.

b) 2017 Summer Meeting

All but three of the member districts receiving awards will be attending the award ceremony.

- c)** Adams-Weyant announced that she will be leaving SORP this fall. She will continue to serve as NACPRO's Association Manager. She plans to take up more recreation planning consulting.

5) Committee Reports and/or Business

a) Nominations - Scott Bangle

The slate was circulated to all board members. No objection or questions were raised.

b) Awards - Doc Dougherty

Adams-Weyant reported that Doc is working on the award presentation and the awards have been ordered.

c) Legislation – John Wicker

The continuing resolution was passed. CDBD funding will continue through September.

Madewell was in Washington DC to lobby Congress on behalf of the Ohio Parks and Recreation Association. He promoted NACPRO's legislative agenda while there. He said that many are not aware that LWCF funds come in 2 different pots - stateside and federal. It does not help that some of the facts sheets provided to congress fail to mention this distinction. DOI manages LWCF and has a bias to promoting the federal side and as a result, stateside has been underfunded for years. More awareness of the stateside deficiencies is needed among organizations and congress.

d) Strategic Plan – Randy Burkhardt

No report.

6) Liaison/Affiliate reports

a) CAPRA – Brande Hune

Assessment visits are starting.

b) NACo - Randy Burkhardt

Burkhardt has attended the last few NACo board meetings and has this report:

- (a) The administration's interest in tax reform will mean cuts to state and local program funding. NACo is pushing hard for local needs.
- (b) Sean Spicer reportedly referred to counties as a special interest group.
- (c) Public Private Partnerships will see more emphasis in this administration.
- (d) Proposal to raise the gas tax to the rate of inflation.

(e) Lots of talk about sanctuary cities and what exactly that means.

(f) In the Western Caucus, Secure Rural Schools, the Forest Management Plan bill, Antiquities Act are big issues.

Burkhardt will not be able to attend the NACo board meeting in Columbus and asks if any Ohio board members could attend in his place. We will discuss in more details at the June 8 meeting.

c) NRPA – David Tyahla and Jayni Rasmussen

There is a strong need to educate Congress on LWCF. LWCF has had good budget numbers in the last few years. The meaty budget should be released soon and David will let us know how that affects our interests.

Tyahla has invited NACPRO to join the LWCF Working Group. Steve Madewell may be interested in serving but wants to know if anyone else has an interest. Adams-Weyant will send the description to the full board and ask for volunteers.

Rasmussen briefed the board on the Park Champions Program, which provides tools and support to get people at the local level talking to their elected officials about federal legislation issues that affect them. They encourage members to invite elected officials to local park events to develop a good relationship. Rasmussen will send information to Adams-Weyant to include in the next newsletter.

d) SORP – Brenda Adams-Weyant

The National Outdoor Recreation Conference went well. Over 200 attendees. Next year SORP will be in Burlington, Vermont in April.