

NACPRO



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY PARK AND RECREATION OFFICIALS

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NACPRO Meeting Notes

Teleconference

January 29, 2018

3:00 pm EST

Present:

	Steve Anderson		Scott Bangle	X	Larry Blackstad	X	Holli Browder		Randy Burkhardt
X	RJ Cardin		Dale "Doc" Dougherty		Bob Fonte				John Knight
X	Bill Maasen	X	Steve Madewell	X	Bill Mitchell		Reggie Moore		Jon Nicks
X	Jeff Perry	X	Joe Roszak		Jeremy Rogers	X	Ralph Schultz	X	Mike Tully
X	Jonathan Vlaming	X	John Wicker	X	James Worsley	X	Craig Zandstra		Kevin O'Hara

Association Manager: Brenda Adams-Weyant

Excused Absences: Randy Burkhardt, Bob Fonte, Steve Anderson, Jeremy Rogers

1) Secretary's Report – Holli Browder

Blackstad made the motion to approve the September minutes. Cardin seconded. Motion passes.

Vlaming made the motion to approve the November minutes. Mitchell seconded. Motion passes.

2) President's Report – Bill Maasen

a) Jonathan Nicks resignation

Bill asked if there was any immediate need to fill in behind Jon Nicks. Blackstad commented that he did not see a need. General agreement to wait until the 2018 election to fill board vacancies.

3) Treasurer's Report - Brenda Adams-Weyant

a) Budget report

The final accounting for 2017 and the 2018 draft budget was attached to the meeting agenda. 2017 ended with \$45,747 in checking, and income exceeded expenses by \$7,579.

4) Association Managers Report - Brenda Adams-Weyant

a) Membership Report

No report.

b) Budget: report and 2018 draft

Brenda asked for comments or concerns on the 2018 draft budget. Cardin made the motion to approve the budget. Madewell seconded. Motion passes.

c) 2018 Annual Meeting location

Brenda has been reviewing hotel proposals for our summer meeting in Nashville. Hotel rates are higher than per diem and she is concerned this may discourage attendance. She is exploring 3 options:

- i. Grand Sheraton Downtown Nashville, nightly rate \$239 (per diem \$162).
- ii. Use NACo's room block at the Gaylord Opryland and contract for meeting rooms separately.
- iii. Conduct our summer meeting at the Special Park District Forum in Charleston, SC (May 21-23). Room rate is \$179/night. This option would be affordable, but would move award process up almost 2 months.

Several board members felt being in downtown Nashville would provide the best experience. Mike Tully, chair of awards committee, was not in support of meeting in conjunction with the Special Park District Forum.

Brenda will follow-up with NACo to see what options are available at the Gaylord Opryland. Once she has this information, she will email the board with the best option and ask for an email vote.

5) Committee Reports and/or Business

a) Professional Education - James Worsley

James reported that Metro Nashville Parks is willing to work with us to develop the park tour and educational session. He will setup a meeting with them once we decide on our location. Brenda noted that our new sponsor, SSCI, is interested in presenting at the educational session. She asked board members if there were any sites they would recommend for the tour. Andrew Jackson's home was mentioned.

b) Legislation- John Wicker

Federal employees are back to work. There have been no updates on our legislative issues. The president's report is in support of shrinking national monuments. The NACo Legislative Conference is March 3-7 and John is not attending. Their focus is primarily

on county infrastructure. Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) is on NACo's radar and this is of concern to many western park districts.

c) Awards - Mike Tully

Committee met in December. They added a new award category for Trails and Corridors. Bill Maasen will coordinate the development of a video award presentation. Award nominations are now being accepted through March 16.

Mike suggested we start thinking about where we want to meet in 2019. The Special Park District Forum will be hosted by East Bay Park District (CA). NACO will be in Las Vegas. Brenda will follow-up with East Bay on the dates and their interest.

d) Board Nominations - John Knight

No report.

6) Liaison/Affiliate reports

a) NACo - Randy Burkhardt - no report

b) NRPA – Kyle Simpson - could not attend but sent this report:

- i. Our board had meetings last week while in town to speak with Congress about infrastructure. Congress didn't seem to know much about what the White House was going to propose but we are hopefully the state of the union tomorrow night will provide a glimpse into their plans. We will continue to speak with Congress about the importance of allowing state, county and cities the maximum flexibility in using any funds that are provided for park infrastructure.
- ii. With the need to reauthorize LWCF in the fall, we plan to ramp up our work on getting legislators out to see LWCF funded sites. Please let me know if you have LWCF sites with ground breakings, ribbon cuttings or big events, please let us know. We would love to work with you to get your legislators involved to raise awareness of LWCF.

Brenda asked Steve Madewell if NRPA had convened the LWCF Roundtable that David Tyahla promoted. No, there's been no word since he volunteered to serve.

c) CAPRA - Holli Browder

Holli reported that she just received the welcome information from CAPRA.

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