



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

**National Association of County Park and Recreation Officials  
Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, October 26, 2020, 3 pm E/ 2 pm C/ 1 pm M/ Noon P  
Teleconference**

**1) Roll call**

X	Steve Anderson	X	Kyla Brown	E	Holli Browder	X	Eric Call	X	RJ Cardin
E	Bob Fonte	X	Norma E. Garcia	X	Tim Laurent	X	Bill Maasen	E	Reggie Moore
E	Monique Odom	A	George Page	X	Jeff Perry	A	Jeremy Rogers	X	Joe Roszak
X	Ralph Schultz	E	Chris Stice	E	Kent Taylor	X	Mike Tully	X	Jonathan Vlaming
X	Aimee Vosper	X	Lakita Watson	X	Jon Woodsby		Vacant	X	Brenda Adams-Weyant

**Excused absences:** Holli Browder, Bob Fonte, Reggie Moore, Monique Odom, Chris Stice, and Kent Taylor

**Guests:** None

**2) Secretary's Report – Jeff Perry**

- a) Conducted roll call.
- b) Jeff requested a motion to approve the August 31, 2020 minutes that was offered by Eric Call and seconded by Steve Anderson. No discussion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

**3) Additions to the agenda:** None

**4) President's Report – Joe Roszak**

- a) Board Vacancy: Joe referenced the bylaws and received Board concurrence that a Board vacancy during a regular term can be filled by Presidential appointment. Robert Smet, the newly appointed Director of Parks and Recreation for Chesterfield County, Virginia, has expressed interest in filling the vacancy. Mike Tully will contact Mr. Smet to discuss the role of NACPRO Board members and to obtain a resume that will be forwarded to President Roszak for review and consideration of appointment.
- b) 2021 In-Person Annual Meeting: Joe discussed the notion of not meeting in-person for our 2021 Annual Board meeting due to the on-going pandemic and cuts in travel budget. The Bylaws should be amended to allow for this flexibility and the Board agreed. Also, there was Board consensus that planning for another virtual awards program in 2021 would be a wise decision and that planning efforts will begin in January. A decision on 2021 meeting will be made in December.

**5) Treasurer's Report – Eric Call**

- a) Financial Report (attached): Eric provided an overview of the most recent financial report and indicated that the finances are currently operating approximately \$2,400 in the red, primarily due to

the lag membership revenues. Approximately \$5,600 in revenue is needed to break even, which will be attainable with no concerns. Bill Maasen made a motion to approve the report that was seconded by Ralph Schultz. No discussion and motion passed by unanimous vote.

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

a) Membership Report: Brenda reported that there were 3 new members that joined over the past month. There are currently 201 professional member, 4 retirees, and 3 official sponsors. Brenda also indicated that newsletter will coming out very soon that will include membership promotion as well as renewal notices going out in November.

**7) Committee Reports/Business**

**a) Social Justice - Joe Roszak (attached)**

Joe previously distributed, via e-mail, an update on the newly formed Social Justice Committee that included a summary of committee purpose, an updated mission statement, and next steps of amending the Bylaws, creating a new social justice award category, actions needed for approval in December. There was Board consensus and support to keep the positive energy moving forward with this initiative of further advocating for diversity, inclusion, and social justice in all areas of the NACPRO organization.

**b) Legislation – RJ Cardin**

Liaison roles and responsibilities: RJ suggested to wait until after the election to assess what the next federal administration looks like before initiating NACPRO's legislative platform. RJ also indicated the value and importance of coordinating and aligning our platform with NACo and NRPA to maximize our legislative leverage and credibility. RJ will start coordinating discussions in mid-January, 2021.

**c) Professional Education – Holli Browder/Mike Tully**

Mike indicated that the Special Park District Forum has been cancelled in 2021 and a 2022 decision has not yet been made. Mike is looking forward to Lake County Forest Preserves hosting in 2023.

**d) Bylaws - Bill Maasen**

Bill, Ralph and Brenda have been working on draft revisions to the Bylaws that will be sent out within the next few weeks for review and comments. The goal is to prepare a final draft that would be reviewed and adopted by the Board at the December meeting.

**8) Liaison/Affiliate reports**

**a) NACo - Jonathan Vlaming**

Jonathan connected with Jack Morgan from NACo to learn more about their organization and the connection to NACPRO. Jonathan discovered there are approximately 3200 county level park agency equivalents across the country. Jonathan also shared that he is starting to research park related data from the Census and has been able to find some very interesting data that can be used to draft a white paper to better tell some inspirational stories of who we are, why we exist, and the wide-ranging benefits of county level park, recreation, and conservation organizations. Jonathan is looking forward to forging new relationships with NACo in the coming years. There will be more to come regarding Jonathan's findings.

**b) NRPA - Reggie Moore: No report.**

**9) Open Forum/Roundtable Discussion**

The Board recognized and congratulated Lakita Watson: The Virginia native currently holds the chair seat for the National Recreation and Parks Ethnic Minority Society and is past chair of the National Recreation and Parks Association's Leadership Development Network. She also founded the Women in Parks and Recreation Facebook group, which boasts more than 7,000 members after less than a year of recruitment.

The Board also discussed Brenda's recent inquiry regarding some of the largest County Park land managers in the United States. There was discussion about pulling together various data, especially acres managed/conserved and visitation that can be used to tell our story as a whole and the public benefits/value. One strategy to assist in compiling a data base could be a questionnaire to all NACPRO members that requests how many acres and annual visits does each agency have. This could also function as a useful networking tool for like agencies and best practices.

**10) Next Meeting**

Monday, December 14, 2020, 3 pm E/ 2 pm C/ 1 pm M/ Noon P  
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**11) Adjourn**