



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

**NACPRO Board Meeting Minutes - DRAFT**

**Monday, October 30, 2023, 3pm to 4pm, Eastern Time  
Teleconference**

**1) Introductions**

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

**Excused absences:** Holli Browder, Monique Odom, Chris Stice

**Guests:**

**2) Secretary's Report – Paul Connell**

- a) Mr. Connell requested a motion to approve the August 28, 2023 minutes. Motion by Mr. Massen, seconded by Mr. Page. Motion approved unanimously.

**3) President's Report – Aimee Vosper**

- a) Ms. Vosper continued discussion on the president elect position including:
  - Board members should provide any comments that they might have to Ms. Adams-Weyant.
  - If there were no other comments then Ms. Vosper would bring it to a vote at the next meeting.

**4) Treasurer's Report – Nicole Rissler**

- a) Ms. Rissler discussed the budget report and differences in expenses compared to the prior year. Ms. Rissler was not concerned with the overall deltas and stated that they are associated with changes in the awards program. Membership revenue is expected to increase when the renewal process starts in November. A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Mr. Morgan, seconded by Ms. Snyder and approved unanimously.

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

- a) Membership report: Ms. Adams-Weyant added 64 contacts from under-represented states to our contact database. Member Count: Associate: 6, Professional: 275, Retiree: 2, Sponsors: 2.
- b) Ms. Adams-Weyant mentioned the recruitment message that she is sending out November 1<sup>st</sup>. Several board members offered to reach out to their neighboring park districts and asked for a copy of the message. Ms. Adams-Weyant will send it to the Board members for their recruitment use.
- c) She also discussed our website costs. Ms. Adams-Weyant expressed dissatisfaction with the cost escalation to the and the vendors, who offered to roll back the annual price by \$700 next year.

## 6) Committee Reports/Business

- a) Social Justice - Joe Roszak
  - No update.
- b) Legislation – Rebekah Snyder
  - No update
- c) Awards – Jeff Perry
  - The committee met on October 4<sup>th</sup> and reviewed the schedule, call for nominations, and selection criteria. The committee recommended a new award category - “Innovative Financing”. The committee also recommended requiring 3 digital photos and adding an Award Summary field for applicants to complete.
  - Mr. Perry was asked about the criteria for the new award. He stated that it would follow existing criteria of; being well thought out, emerging/new ideas, involving partner organizations, providing unanticipated benefits, and its transferability to other organizations/how it was received by the press/others.
  - Award submittals will open on January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024.
  - A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the committee’s recommendations, seconded by Ms. Rissler and approved unanimously.
- d) Professional Education – Aimee Vosper
  - Discussed San Diego meeting and a proposal for panel discussion and requested ideas on this.
  - Topics suggested by board members: e-bikes, homelessness, pickleball, city/county collaborations, public private partnerships, water quality.
  - Discussed proposed San Diego field trip locations.
  - Ms. Vosper suggested breaking the half-day training in to 2 sessions.
- e) Bylaws – Ralph Schultz
  - Mr. Shultz advised the board that he would prepare the changes to the bylaws for the proposed changes and advised they would be needed 30 days in advance of the next meeting.
- f) Nominations – Monique Odom
  - Monique Odom advised the Board that she was scheduling a nominating meeting in November.

## 7) Liaison/Affiliate reports

- a) NACo - Jonathan Vlaming
  - No update
- b) NRPA – Reggie Moore
  - Not present
- c) CAPRA – Jon Woodsby
  - Mr. Woodsby’s report was emailed to the board members.
  - Mr. Woodsby stated that they were reimagining the standards for certification and cutting them in half. That the Commission started the certification audit process to ensure that organizations were actively maintaining their standards.
  - The Commission now has 500 volunteers.
  - That they are working through some exemptions so that they can be inclusive and referenced the Sarasota APWA process.
  - Discussed a continuous improvement process and that changes would roll out in 2025.

## 8) Open Forum/Roundtable Discussion

- a) Todd Palmeter discussed the National Special Districts Coalition (NSDC) and the fact that special districts are not defined at the federal level. As a result, they could not get pandemic federal funds. NSDC wishes to define special districts through the census bureau on the federal level through a bill sponsored by both sides of congress.

- b) Jonathan Vlaming inquired whether you need CAPRA certification for the National Gold Medal Award. Multiple board members advised him that it was not required.

**10) Next Meeting**

December 18, teleconference