



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

NACPRO Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 28th, 3pm to 4pm, Eastern Time
Teleconference

1) Introductions

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

Excused absences: Holli Browder, Nicole Rissler, George Page, RJ Cardin, Ralph Schultz, Jon Woodsby

Guests: Charlie Ban, NACo

2) Secretary's Report – Paul Connell

- a) Mr. Connell requested a motion to approve the August 26th, 2024 minutes. Motion by Mr. Laurent seconded by Ms. Vosper. Motion approved unanimously.

3) President's Report – Jeff Perry

- a) Mr. Perry discussed our need to find a replacement for George Page as the Awards Committee Chair. Chris Stice offered to sit on the committee and Mr. Perry will see if Ms. Browder is interested in chairing the committee. Mr. Morgan is willing to consider chairing in Ms. Browder is not.
- b) Mr. Perry discussed Mr. Allen's resignation and board vacancy. He also discussed Mr. Cardin's retirement leaving a second board vacancy. He would like the nominating committee to consider some replacement candidates.
- c) Mr. Perry discussed the notice of Mr. Larry Blackstad's passing. Mr. Vlaming gave a moving summary of his career including his history as a NACPRO and NRPA board member.
- d) Mr. Perry highlighted the recent hurricanes in the southeast and their impact on board members in Florida, Georgia and North Carolina, he recognized all members serving in an emergency management capacity.

4) Treasurer's Report – Nicole Rissler

- a) Ms. Adams Weyant provided the treasurer's report in Ms. Rissler's absence. The budget is currently in the red, however, membership renewals will begin coming in in the next few months and will turn things around. Everything else from a revenue and expense budget is as expected.
- b) A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Ms. Snyder, seconded by Mr. Stice and approved unanimously.

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

- a) Ms. Adams-Weyant provided updated membership levels. There are currently 300 members, 5 associate members, 292 professional members, and 5 retiree members. The renewal period is from November 2024 through February, 2025.
- b) Ms. Adams-Weyant discussed the annual meeting in Southeast Michigan at the Special District Forum (SPDF). 3 agencies are participating with one hosting each day. Oakland County will be hosting the banquet on the last day. The options for the annual meeting were discussed and the majority preferred meeting prior to dinner.
- c) Ms. Adams-Weyant discussed the possibility of sponsoring the SPDF event and reviewed the sponsorship packages. Mr. Maasen made a motion to sponsor the SPDF at the Gold Level (Banquet Sponsor \$5,500) Ms. Vosper seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
- d) Ms. Snyder asked if it was possible to recruit members at the dinner. Ms. Adams-Weyant that we typically do not promote membership during the annual meeting, but since there will be many participants at the Forum that are not members, this is a good opportunity to recruit. She also suggested offering a discounted NACPRO membership rate for SPDF attendees. Ms. Brown made a motion to provide a 50% discount. Mr. Laurent seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Ms. Adams-Weyant will prepare a form to distribute at the forum.
- e) The SPDF sponsorship includes two free registrations. Ms. Brown suggested giving them to Ms. Adams-Weyant and the Awards Chair or the President.

6) Committee Reports/Business

- a) Legislation – Rebekah Snyder
 - The committee is down to 4 people, they plan on getting together in early December when things calm down politically.
- b) Awards – George Page
 - No Report
- c) Professional Education – Todd Palmeter
 - Mr. Palmeter is appreciative of the Michigan folks accommodating us. Mr. Palmeter's agency will be hosting 2027 and Portland Metro in 2026. The Forum schedule has firm commitments for the next four years. Ms. Adams-Weyant stated that this would be the first meeting we have had in Michigan.
- d) Bylaws – Ralph Schultz
 - No Update.
- e) Nominations – Aimee Vosper
 - They will convene and discuss nominations for the next meeting. Mr. Maasen asked if agencies with a retiring board member can nominate an individual to finish their term. The consensus was yes.

7) Liaison/Affiliate reports

- a) NACo - Jonathan Vlaming
 - Mr. Vlaming congratulated Ms. Brown on their NACo for Best-in-Category IT Award for their work in the developing the Santa Ana River Bottom Collaborative Website.
 - The following NACPRO resolutions were adopted by NACo: Resolution on Reducing Local Match Requirements for Federal Environmental Restoration Projects; and Resolution to Improve Efficiencies of the LWCF Program
 - Mr. Vlaming was invited to be a guest speaker to the Agricultural and Rural Affairs Committee. The presentation of Parks in Rural Areas went well, with three primary focus areas: 1) examples of different types of county park systems; 2) Overview of a 4-step planning approach to figuring out nearly everything; and 3) funding opportunities.
- b) NRPA – Holli Browder

- Members of NRPA’s Business Council, the board, and advocacy committee gathered in Washington, D.C., to advocate for the Outdoors for All Act. This legislation would increase access to park and recreation opportunities in local communities across the country.
 - In addition, the group heard from leaders on two critical federal funding mechanisms for parks and recreation. HUD's Community Development Block Grant program, celebrating 50 years this summer, and the Land and Water Conservation Fund, a program administered by the National Park Service.
 - Read more about their impact on the Hill in the event summary. And you can still lend a hand by taking action to urge for passage of the Outdoors for All Act, send a message to Congress from NRPA’s online action center.
- c) CAPRA – Jon Woodsby
- Changes to the Commission Members – Leaving: Janet Bartnik, Academy and Scott Scherberger, AFRN. New members: Andrew Scudellari, AFRN, Cindi Wight, Academy. Reappointments: Erika Devore, CSED, Jon Woodsby, NACPRO
 - Staff Report a. Summary of 2024 agency activities
 - 2024 most missed standards
 - 2024 Visit season report (by agency)
 - 2024 Agency Withdrawals and Extensions
 - CAPRA Accomplishments 2019 to the Present
 - Preview of 2025 Visit Season
 - Beta Test Agency Update
 - Technology Update
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8) Open Forum/Roundtable Discussion

- a) Ms. Odom asked about whether other agencies provided a live or artificial Christmas tree. Mr. Maasen and Ms. Vosper will provide vendor contacts for artificial Christmas trees. Mr. Roszak is interested in vendors also.
- b) Mr. Vlaming recognized Mr. Ban from NACo. Mr. Ban is working on a story about trail systems and transportation infrastructure. He also wants to make sure that NACPRO is always represented at conferences.

Mr. Perry closed the meeting.

10) Next Meeting

December 16th, 2024 – Teleconference