



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

## National Association of County Park and Recreation Officials Board Meeting Agenda

Monday, December 16, 2024  
3 pm E/ 2 pm C/ 1 pm M/ Noon P  
Teleconference

### 1) Roll call – Paul Connell

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

**Excused absences: Norma Garcia**

**Guests: Charlie Ban, NACo**

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

- Mr. Connell requested a motion to approve the October 28, 2024 minutes (attached). Motion by Ms. Browder seconded by Mr. Stice. The motion carried unanimously.

### 3) President's Report – Jeff Perry

- Mr. Perry discussed the changes in the awards committee due to Mr. Page's unavailability and thanks Mr. Stice for stepping in.
- Mr. Stice confirmed his agency's ability to produce the awards video for the 2025 ceremonies.
- Mr. Perry recognized Ms. Snyder and Lake County Forest Preserves for securing a \$155 million bond referendum.
- Ms. Snyder expresses her relief and excitement over the successful referendum.

### 4) Treasurer's Report – Nicole Rissler (attached)

- Ms. Rissler discussed the budget comparison, noting that they are slightly below the budgeted revenue for the year but still above last year's figures. Expenses are also under budget, but higher than last year due to hosting our own annual meeting and awards.
- Ms. Rissler expects that we will finish the year around \$6,500 ahead.

- A motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by Mr. Maasen and seconded by Mr. Schultz. and was carried unanimously.

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

- Ms. Adams-Weyant reported that 67% of the membership has renewed to date and there has been 41 new members since the beginning of September. Membership currently stands at 5 associates, 322 professionals, 3 retirees, and 2 sponsors.
- Ms. Adams-Weyant noted an increase in interest and awareness about their organization, with 16 new members from Huron-Clinton Metroparks, one of the hosts of the Forum in June.
- Ms. Adams-Weyant mentioned that members that attend the annual meeting often increase their membership in subsequent years.

#### **6) Committee Reports/Business**

##### **a) Awards – Holli Browder**

- a. Ms. Browder provided an update on the awards committee noting they will start meeting in February and finalize the process in April.

##### **b) Bylaws – Ralph Schultz**

- a. No Update.

##### **c) Legislation – Rebekah Snyder**

- a. Ms. Snyder reported on the legislative committee's meeting, discussing their role and the importance of being responsive to member concerns. She discussed the need to follow up with Ms. Browder about NRPA's priorities and how they can be a conduit for our members.
- b. The committee also plans to reach out to membership to understand their state and national legislative concerns.
- c. Ms. Snyder is developing a description of committee responsibilities.

##### **d) Nominations – Aimee Vosper**

- a. Ms. Vosper discussed the nomination process. They are working on filling two vacancies and the developing the executive team slate.

##### **e) Professional Education – Todd Palmeter**

- a. Mr. Palmeter gave an update on the Forum partnership this summer for the annual conference, he noted that the registration had not been sent out yet and suggested that members subscribe to their email list for updates. He suggested that anyone planning to attend get their registration in early because they expect it to fill up quickly.

#### **7) Liaison/Affiliate reports**

##### **a) NACo - Jonathan Vlaming**

- a. Mr. Vlaming shared his experiences at the NACo fall meeting in Sonoma County. He discussed his plans to retire from his role as NACo Liaison in July 2025 and suggested that someone who is extroverted may like to take over his role.
- b. Mr. Perry asked board members to let us know if they were interested in taking on the NACo Liaison role.
- c. Ms. Adams-Weyant discussed that the Association can budget money to support the NACo Liaisons travel expenses.
- d. Mr. Vlaming gave an update on the two policies approved by the EELU committee, and his efforts to move them to the Transportation Committee.

##### **b) CAPRA – Jon Woodsby**

- a. No report

##### **c) NRPA – Holli Browder**

- a. Ms. Browder provided an update on the NRPA Liaison Role, discussed the NRPA visit to Capitol Hill and the potential for making it an annual event. She invited members to share their challenges or ideas for NRPA.

**8) Open Forum/Roundtable Discussion**

- Ms. Browder gave an update on Mr. Page's health. He has been diagnosed with glioblastoma and is undergoing treatment.
- Ms. Odom reported that they had a successful tree lighting with a donated tree.
- Ms. Brown asked for information from Board members familiar with parcel taxes as a financing option for their special district. Ms. Goorjian offered to provide assistance.
- Ms. Adams-Weyant informed everyone that she would send out calendar invites for next year.
- Mr. Connell stated that Palm Beach County had submitted their CAPRA application.

**10) 2025 Board Meeting Schedule – Brenda will send calendar invites soon**

February 24, teleconference

April 28, teleconference

June 11 – Annual Meeting in Detroit

August 25, teleconference

October 27, teleconference

December 15, teleconference