

# ASPA Meeting Minutes – September 11, 2018

Stone called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

We do have a quorum, Nold approved.

A. Call of the roll.

Membership sign-sheet circulated.

**Present:** Ken Stone, Diane Oyler, Laurie Buonanno, Kim German, Kim Chiarmonte, Brian Poliner, Chris Jones, Brian Bray, Marisa Nold

B. Agenda:

- 1.) NACOPA issued a call for nominations, people to serve as officers on Northeast Conference, added to agenda under new business. Buonanno made motion; Bray seconded. No other changes to agenda.
- 2.) Vote to approve the April 17, 2018 minutes. Jones wanted these minutes to reflect that he was a participant. Motion to approve, Bray. Seconded.
- 3.) Vote to approve the June 11, 2018 Board meeting minutes. Motion to approve, Bray. Seconded.

C. Officer Reports:

**President:**

1. Stone asked ASPAA whether Board member can be an officer or officer/Board member with a term. The answer was yes, nothing in bylaws or template that prevents officers from holding both positions. Board member can also be an officer.

There was a motion from Bray for Nold to resign as Board member and appoint German to Board of Directors. Seconded.

There was a motion for Nold's resignation from Board of Directors and to only serve as Secretary from Bray. Seconded.

Bray nominated German. Seconded.

Kim German is now a Board member; Nold Secretary and not Board member anymore.

2. Stone sent e-mail to ASPAA: Treasurer doesn't have job; we have no money and ASPA provides chapter rebates, sent e-mail to Phillip Carlisle. Stone has been working with Phillip to consider rebates. Poliner and Stone working with ASPA for membership officers, need to identify officers and they have officer list. Poliner/Stone/Treasurer needs to fill out officer list and get in contact with ASPA. Stone copied Poliner and Paul Shore on e-mails. Membership officers have contact information.

**Membership Officer Report:**

- 1.) Poliner has been contacting Hilbert to get a cohort of perspective MPAs. He and Chiarmonte from Hilbert are looking to develop a connection through Hilbert and ASPA.
- 2.) Discussion ensued on how to enlist more membership: Suggestions included a monthly newsletter and building our own chapter site as a subsection of ASPA's.

**Secretary Report:**

No report.

**D. Unfinished Business**

**Program Development**

- 1.) Program Development Committee met twice over the summer, 7/9 and 7/25 at River Works. Talked about three things – programming goals, audiences to try to reach and programming suggestions.
- 2.) Programming goals –professional development for chapter members, ASPA awareness events with recruitment and retaining and reclaiming members, and developing a mentorship between ASPA professional members and ASPA student members and members working on MPA projects.
- 3.) Audience type – holding events for both MPA students and professionals, having things only on campus and only in the classroom is not friendly to the professional audience in that situation. Suggestions included having a civil service savvy workshop as part of Public Service Recognition week, an ASPA sponsored event at Buffalo State, ASPA to provide support for students working on MPA projects like Don and Dan, both for younger members and new students in the middle of their MPA projects. Good opportunity to recruit new members through both Buffalo State and Hilbert programs.

Motion for civil service savvy workshop would be headed by Stone as one of our four chapter events for the year by Bray. Seconded. The workshop will be held in the spring with date TBD.

4.) Have guest speakers for networking events once a quarter, in a bar-type setting and very low key. Bray suggested for someone from the County do a presentation on plan to get our greenhouse gases in accordance with Paris climate, would ask an appointee, and perhaps nonprofit leaders and leaders in public sector could present in the future. He offered to take charge to get a presenter there and get our networking events kicked off with a post-survey/questionnaire after each of the ASPA events.

Motion for the idea of networking and the formal space that Bray will organize by Jones. Seconded.

5.) Thing from the Future, a card game that was being proposed at Hilbert by Jones that was presented as a focus group. Discussion ensued to have Board members do a dry run of the game at the next ASPA meeting before it's offered as a Buffalo/Niagara ASPA event. Motion to accept the Thing from the Future card game by Bray. Seconded.

Poliner will make up membership material for any networking event and give to all members. Agreement that whoever is in charge of networking event takes charge of the RSVP and Doodle poll but to discuss it with Tony and Marisa as external/internal communication officers.

E. New Business:

- 1.) NECOPA – Northeast Conference for PA, they're looking for four trustee positions open, have a student representative open. All of the members should have gotten that but little interest in nominations.
- 2.) A group is possibly going to NECOPA and presenting a paper and findings at one of their regional conferences, or moral support for students.

Next tentative meeting date: 5:30, Tuesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>

Motion to adjourn by Jones. Seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20.