

ASPA Meeting Minutes – June 17, 2020

(This meeting was held via Zoom videoconference.)

Present: Brian Bray, Ken Stone, Tony Astran, Marisa Nold, Ray Wagner, Chris Jones, Kendra Stewart, Rosaleen Nogle, Mackenzie Docteur, Michael Ramos, Michael Hughes, Maria Garozzo-Payne, Brian Poliner, Chris Marcello, Chris Sherman, Randolph Lieberman, OJ McFoy, Laurie Buonanno, Diane Oyler

Meeting called at 5:30 p.m. We have a quorum.

Motion to approve the agenda. Seconded.

Motion to approve the meeting minutes of 5/20/20. Seconded.

Officer Reports:

President:

- This is our second annual meeting but the first year with awards since the ASPA Buffalo Niagara Chapter was relaunched three years ago.
- Thanks to the BN chapter for letting Brian lead this past year.
- Although socially we're hindered now, we were successful with our past networking events.
- We are in good hands with Tony as our new president.
- Brian is looking forward to serving next year as immediate past president.

Treasurer:

- We currently have \$846.36 in our bank account.
- We are financially stable.

Communications Officer:

- Tony will take our photos from this meeting and upload it to the ASPA website.
- He will update the website with the minutes from the last two meetings and update our event page.
- The awardees from tonight's meeting should send him headshot photos.
- The Board page will be updated with new job links on the website.

Membership Officer:

- Hilbert will be going back on campus in the fall.
- Brian is looking to partner with Buffalo State and do a combined membership.

Secretary:

- The minutes from the May 20, 2020 meeting were e-mailed and uploaded to Dropbox.

Nominations Chair:

- We have four open positions on the Board:
 1. Chris Marcello: Deputy director for Office of Mental Health
 2. Chris Jones: Professor at Walden University
 3. Rosaleen Nogle: Licensed professional engineer
 4. President-Elect: Makenzie Docteur

Motion to approve Makenzie as our new President-Elect. Seconded.

Some remarks from ASPA Chapter National President, Kendra Stewart:

- Due to COVID-19, the ASPA National Conference was canceled, canceling networking and fiscal opportunities.
- Generally, ASPA brings in around \$565,000 from the conference.
- ASPA will instead hold a virtual conference for ASPA members at \$45.00.
- Thanks to the BN chapter for our personal contributions as public servants.
- Some things that BN chapter can provide input on to ASPA National:
 1. Parameters and processes for engaging public advocacy.
 2. Whether ASPA should take any actions on nonpolitical issues.
 3. Trying to decide when ASAP should become involved.
 4. Fundraising and a more diverse revenue stream.
 5. Strengthening chapter effectiveness.

Awards with Remarks by Recipients:

Excellence in Governmental Administration: OJ McFoy (nominated by Rosaleen Nogle)

Excellence in Non-Profit Administration: Diane Oyler (nominated by Brian Bray)

Excellence in Administration Education: Laurie Buonanno (nominated by Tony Astran)

Remarks from Tony Astran, our new Buffalo Niagara Chapter President:

- Thank you to Brian and Ken for serving as past presidents.
- We should be establishing more networking opportunities with local colleges.
- We should bolster our connection to governmental and non-profit administrations.

Congratulations, Tony! ☺

Motion made to adjourn. Seconded.

Meeting ended: 6:53 p.m.

Our next meeting: July 21, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom.