

Buff Niagara ASPA Meeting September 1, 2021

Quorum

Commence the Meeting: 1st: Stone/ 2nd: Astran

All in favor to commence- Ays 7, Nay 0, Abstain 0

**Need minutes from the June meeting to be approved. Changes needed to be made to June (Mac). May and April meeting minutes need to be approved as well after corrections.

Officer Reports

President Mak: Picking up and organizing things for the start of the year. Wrap up the house keeping that needs to be done for the start of the year.

Communication Officer Tony: Release to come out for the Pres and new board members. Also, will hopefully have the fundraising materials in near feature.

Treasurer Ken: 155 for the rebate from ASPA. Reimbursed Brian Bray for refreshments from last meeting. No statement from national itemizing anything, just received an EFT. Last year were sent 350. Slight Fall-off for membership.

Membership Officer Brian: Nothing to report at the current time. Will make sure to have updates for the next meeting.

Marissa: Absent

Committee Reports

Chris: Nothing to report. He and Ken had a good book discussion

Tony: No Committee meeting yet. Will be getting them scheduled soon. Will also be looking to move the date of the fundraiser. Ramos warned him about being busy until election day. Regrouping from quiet summer.

Brian: No updates for membership committee

Great Lakes Journal Update

Untested ideas. Research Platform. Dr. Wan, has agreed to host the untested ideas to work with ASPA for publishing. Near Future to really flesh out an editorial board/committee to assist with the vision of the journal. Was a template belonging to Dr. Wan. Was the dissertation committee chair for his dissertation at Niagara University. They will host, no we just have to create the product and content. 2-3 others would be good in terms to look and steer the content and vision going forward. Come up with what we want it to look like in terms of article structure, word count, topics or areas to cover. Very good step forward in terms of having a partner that will publish for us. It already has an ISBN #, which I very

important. It is a registered journal, that only needs content. Chris/Ryan volunteered to assist with helping with format for journal. Will reach out to Laurie to assist with format and content for publication. Publishing aspect will be worked out with Dr. Wan. They will be the host and we will work with him for artistic license. We will be looking for content, what type of articles to put out, what should be included, just want to see as it builds over time what types of material is being submitted. As things are more established, we can become more selective on who we publish. That committee will help vet the articles with our expectations as publishers.

New Business

Pres. Mak: Looking at attendance for the meeting, we will look for more of a 5:30 to meet, Wednesdays preferably. Did we want monthly or 6 weeks between meetings? We will schedule one for next month. How often are committees meeting?

Tony: All 3 committees were in a groove in the fall in spring, it was meetings were every 5-6 weeks and meet, the confirming dates to meet after. Having all committees having meeting around the same time in a given week was easier in terms of letting people know when they were occurring. Having Zoom Meetings at 7 seemed to work the best.

Brian P: It seemed that the committees were meeting quarterly, with some coming more frequently depending on the time of year or project deadlines. Would prefer to have substantive meetings, as opposed to just meeting for the sake of meeting.

Chris: Meeting roughly 4-6 times a year is about right. Holding Committee Meetings around the same time seemed to work better as they everyone was notified and able to join.

Feud Event

Tony: Originally pushed back to two weeks from tomorrow. Looking at everything right now, it looks as it would be better to push it later into the fall, sometime in November (2nd Week). Do it on a weekday, in the evening. Maybe roughly November 18th. In the next couple weeks can get the PR ramped up for the event.

Pres. Mak: What is needed to move it forward?

Tony: Just need outreach to the colleges to generate excitement. Need to get the teams on board, using zoom, and use the professors to recruit within their classes. Professionals, county, gave overwhelming responses to the questions. Need to tabulate the answers so we have them ready. It was originally scheduled for 6:30 in evening. Just need to rework the flyers and get teams recruited. Want to have four teams, but could get by with 2.

Chris: What about tapping into Brockport?

National stated that the Rochester chapter is defunct. So they gave blessing to reach out to that area for recruitment. Could be easy to do since we are using zoom.

Future Ideas

Ken: Looking at the past year and the integration of online meeting platforms, how will the ability to meet or tune into meetings that are held during work hours, does allow for more participation from those who may typically be unable. A roundtable discussion/or panel to present on what is being used and how it can be used in the future. October 6th

Tony: Bring back the Civil Service Savvy? Kara Kane-County

**In person meetings are need for public hearings. Also need to have physical location a person could attend if they wanted to. Also, the mechanisms for voting need to be available.