

## ASPA Annual Meeting Minutes

June 15, 2022, 5:30 p.m.

SUNY Buffalo State – Caudell Hall, Room 123

1300 Elmwood Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14222

**Present:** Ken Stone, Tony Astran, Kara Kane, Rosaleen Nogle, Makenzie Docteur, Chris Marcello, Ryan Gadzo, Atta Ceesay, Lisa Parshall

Meeting called at 5:35 p.m. We have a quorum.

Rene Petties-Jones, President of the National Federation for Just Communities of WNY, Inc. presented on the efforts of so many organizations, local workers and volunteers who have responded to the needs of our community in the wake of the 5/14 tragedy on Jefferson Ave.

Motion to approve the agenda by Tony Astran. Seconded by Ken Stone.

### **Awards with Remarks by Recipients:**

Excellence in Governmental Administration: Kara Kane, Public Information Officer, Erie County Department of Health

Excellence in Public Administration Education: Atta Ceesay, Chair and Associate Professor, Political Science and Public Administration, SUNY Buffalo State

Excellence in Non-Profit Administration: *This year, in lieu of an award for Excellence in Non-Profit Administration, the ASPA Buffalo Niagara Chapter Board has made a donation to the Resource Council of WNY, Inc. We applaud this organization's ongoing efforts to assist the immediate community affected by the May 14 tragedy on Jefferson Avenue in Buffalo.*

### **Officer Reports:**

#### **President:**

- Thank you to the chapter for everyone's help, I have had such a support system in this board throughout my presidency and I am so thankful
- The year went fast and we didn't get to everything, but we came a long way in the post-pandemic world, and will continue to grow going forward
- Sorry for the temperature, Buffalo State does not have the A/C on
- Can't wait to see where the chapter goes in the future. Make sure everyone comes to happy hour after adjourning.

#### **Communications Officer:**

- Keeping social media and web updated.
- Great when there are items from the chapter to share, members' successes, etc.

**Treasurer:**

- We currently have \$1,359.30 in our bank account.

**Membership Officer** (*Excused for meeting*)

**Secretary** (*Excused for meeting*)

**Nominations Chair (Tony Astran):**

- Officer positions (Reappointments):
  - Communications Officer: Tony Astran
  - Secretary: Marisa Nold
  - Membership Officer: Brian Poliner
  - Treasurer: Ken Stone
- We have four open positions on the Board:
  1. Brian Bray (reappointment- 2-year term)
  2. Rosaleen Nogle (reappointment - 2-year term)
  3. Kara Kane (new- 2-year term)
  4. Lisa Parshall (new – 2-year term)
- President-Elect: Chris Marcello
  - Election of Chris opens a vacant board seat (1-year term)
  - Left open for anyone interested in joining the board

Motion to approve the new slate of officers as presented by unanimous proclamation by Ken Stone. Seconded by Rosie. All in favor.

**Remarks from Chris Marcello, our new Buffalo/Niagara Chapter President:**

- Thank you to Makenzie for serving as president. Excited to be carrying the chapter forward.
- Hope to expand the benefits of belonging to the chapter, as well as chapter growth.
- Looking forward to a great year!

Motion made to adjourn. Seconded.

Meeting ended: 6:35p.m.

Happy hour followed at Buffalo Cider Hall, located at 155 Chandler St. Suite 4 in Buffalo.