

APSA Buffalo/Niagara Chapter Meeting Minutes

Erie county Library, Joseph B. Rounds Conference Room

September 13, 2022, 5:45 p.m.

Present: Chris Marcello, Ken Stone, Michael Hughes, Brian Bray, Lisa Parshall, Tony Astran, Rosaleen Nogle

A. Call of Roll

We have a quorum. Meeting called 5:53 p.m.

B. Approval/Changes to Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda. Seconded

C. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve last meeting's minutes with minor corrections. Seconded

D. Officer Reports

1. President - Chris Marcello

- Updated from membership officer Brian Poliner, chapter is steady at 29 members
- Lexi Taylor verified membership of board is up-to-date

2. Communications Officer – Tony Astran

- Press release for new board drafted, will share draft with Chris Marcello for review
- Updates to webpage will be finalized this week
- Social media postings planned
- Newsletter to members is in preparation
- Note that Dr. Ceesay will be receiving an award from the national organization – details will be added to the website

3. Treasurer – Ken Stone

- Provided a handout with latest financial report
- Clarification on the monies collected at the annual meeting are to be sent to the Resource Council, verified funds should be directed to 347 East Ferry, c/o Catherine Roberts, CEO. Tony will prepare a brief cover note and Ken will send the funds
- Ken Stone will follow up with Northland as well.
- Available balance is \$1483.17
- WordPress renewal will be forthcoming – no fee change anticipated

E. Committee Reports

- Programming and Events – no updates

- Communications – no updates
- Membership – Rochester ASPA chapter is currently defunct. Chris Marcello is planning on outreach of interest in the Rochester Area, including Brockport to invite them to advertise Buffalo/Niagara chapter activities and welcome any potential members

F. Unfinished Business

- No updates

G. New Business

1. Fall Happy Hour.

- Discussion of dates, decided on October 19, location near Buffalo State TBD.
- Chris Marcello will reach out to new establishments as possibilities
- Next board meeting will coincide with Fall Happy Hour (October 19)

2. Civil Service Savvy Event

- Location discussion: planned for Buffalo State (234 Caudell Hall) to coincide with Ken Stone class (6:30-8:15 p.m.)
- Email to Public Administration-Political Science Department as well as any other potentially interested departments (Social Work)
- Tony Astran will work up a flyer
- Speakers: Michael Hughes – USA Jobs; Brian Bray – Erie County, others TBD
- Date: November 14

3. Holiday Party

- 2021 event had light turnout (combination of weather, COVID, location)
- Suggestion to return to River Works on weeknight. Chris Marcello will scope other locations

4. Good News

- Lisa Parshall will be serving as an assistant editor for the *Federal History* journal, the journal of the Society for History in the Federal Government