

ASPA Meeting Minutes

January 24, 2023

Joseph B. Rounds Conference Room, Second Floor

Erie County Public Library - Buffalo, NY

Present: Ken Stone, Marisa Maloni, Tony Astran, Chris Marcello, Lisa Parshall, Kara Kane and Rosaleen Nogle

Officer Reports -

Communications Officer:

- There have been no real updates – with the holidays and activities, things have been quiet on the ASPA front.
- Tony needs to upload old minutes to the website from Dropbox; Marisa to Dropbox all minutes to date.
- Tony will need to draft a letter to Northland Workforce to get their \$250 check to them.

Treasurer:

- We have \$1,160.77 in our account.
- When the \$250 check gets cashed, we will have \$910.77.

Membership Officer (Chris gave the report as Brian Poliner was not present) :

- We currently have 28 current members.
- All members are paid up to date in terms of membership.
- We're going to lose a couple of members due to them being missing in action.
- A concern is that we're losing members since there is no new membership as of late.

Secretary:

- The October and December minutes will be re-sent; approval is tabled until the next meeting.

Committee Reports:

- Great Lakes Journal discussion was skipped due to Brian Poliner being absent.

New Business –

Events for 2023

Spring Happy Hour:

- We could coordinate an event with Buffalo State College or Hilbert College.
- We need some spring event before we hold Happy Hour.
- We need to get the participants from the Civil Service Savvy workshop the presentation materials from the three presenters at the event.

- We could coordinate something from the professional engineers organization as they are holding a February event.
- Buffalo State/Hilbert/Brockport all have MPA programs – we could coordinate with them for an event.
- An idea would be a government relations/lobbying efforts event – work with the ADA program and legislative lobbying.
- We could give a presentation to a class and schedule something after that class.
- We could volunteer for some charitable event such as Day of Caring in June or an Agents for Advocacy event.
- We could have a roundtable discussion for dissecting NYS budget from Gov. Hochul – NYS Senate and Assembly will also release their own analysis of the budget.

Public Service Recognition Week (PSRW):

- National PSRW is May 7, 2023.; more than likely, Buffalo State PSRW will be on 4/29/23.
- We will have to reach out to Dr. Ceesay to have a good connection; Ken will reach out.
- Rosaleen Nogle is speaking at the National ASPA conference on climate change, water equity and sustainability; only practitioner speaking.
- The national ASPA conference is 3/20/23 to 3/24/23.

Celebrating Good News:

- Rosy is speaking at the ASPA National Conference.
- NYS Quitline was renewed for another five years.

Next meeting: February 21, 2023, 5:45 p.m. – same location, Joseph B. Rounds Conference Room

Motion to adjourn. Seconded.

Meeting ended: 6:22 p.m.