

Minutes

Board of Trustees Meeting February 17, 2023

Summary of Action Items

All Board Members:

- Send names of APA Ohio members that may be a good fit to fill the vacant board seat.
- Mark your calendars - SPC 23 will take place September 27-29 in Columbus at the Hilton Downtown.
- If you are interested in being a Policy Delegate on behalf of APA Ohio, please email C. Davis at your earliest convenience. APA Ohio is allotted three (3) delegates based on our membership size.

I. Introductions

II. Roll Call & Communications

Ray called the meeting to order at 10:06 AM.

Present:

C. Anderson	P. Etchie	G. Milz
E. Anderson	T. Hilde	R. Ray
C. Auffrey	S. Kelly	M. Sinha
A. Blair	M. Kim	C. Thurman
K. Buettner	A. Lukacsy-Love	S. Vincent
K. Burton	N. Martin	Guest: A. Rodney
T. Davis	A. Meyer	

Absent:

L. Hollstein	E. Phillis	M. Schmidt
K. Keough-Jurs	A. Schmidt	

III. Motion to Follow or Amend Agenda

A motion was made by Kim to amend the agenda to include a discussion about the recent board member resignation ahead of agenda item number seven.

IV. Approval of Minutes from the December 9, 2022 Board Meeting

A motion was made by Sinha and seconded by Ray to approve the corrected minutes. Motion passes.

V. Action and Discussion Agenda

Ray suggested all board members introduce themselves.

Guest Speaker – Greater Ohio Policy Center; Jason Warner, Director of Strategic Engagement

GOPC Core Areas:

- Brownfields
- Transportation (public and active)

- Legacy city regrowth
- Housing policy development

There are several items in the state budget that GOPC is keeping their eye on:

- Brownfields program (currently \$0 allocated in this budget)
- Transportation budget (must be passed by end of March)
- Federal grants to expand passenger rail through Amtrak in Ohio
- More funding with SRTS
- Legislative Ask: Develop program that provides state funds directly to communities to update zoning codes to support more affordable housing.
 - Lukacsy-Love asked what support would look like. Warner suggested writing a letter to the general assembly encouraging the program and/or providing written testimony on the budget.
 - Milz asked if GOPC is following SB 3. Warner replied that they are following the bill but it appears to be a larger economic development inspired bill to support existing or new facility for job creation.
 - Blair reiterated Warner's statement that it can take several years to get a bill or concept on the eyes of legislators.

President's Report (E. Anderson)

See boardbook for full report.

SPC 23 Update (Martin)

Theme – Foresight: Trending Towards Tomorrow

Location – Hilton Columbus Downtown

Dates – September 27-29

Future SPC/OKI Schedule (C. Davis)

See boardbook for schedule.

NPC 23 Update (C. Davis)

See boardbook for list of APA Ohio members speaking at NPC.

NPC in OH-IO (C. Anderson)

C. Anderson reached out to Wendy Moeller (Region IV rep) and she directed him to the APA staffer in charge of the short list of cities on the list. Conferences are scheduled out several years in advance. Cleveland, Columbus and Cincinnati could all have the appropriate space necessary.

C. Davis mentioned that through the Voice of Planning Cleveland event this summer, staffers from APA will be in attendance and we will have the opportunity to highlight Cleveland and greater Ohio.

Thurman asked if we could get a list of conferences in Central Ohio to keep collaboration and high-level thinking growing through attending their events and submit sessions. Martin responded that OSU is hosting an event next week that brings together like organizations to

coordinate events and schedules. Martin will keep Thurman and the rest of the board in the loop on this.

FAICP Nominations (E. Anderson)

Blair supports Chris Hermann, Kim Burton and Chad Gibson

Milz supports Steve Sievers and Karla Chifos

Vincent supports Ann Schenking

The Executive Committee will reach out to these planners and gauge their interest in being nominated.

Thurman suggested there is a disconnect between those that may not be AICP but wonderful planners making lasting impacts and those that are AICP. How do we recognize these planners? Thurman also expressed her interest in lowering our 20-year threshold to acknowledge planners that have been working for many years as wonderful planners but do not have 20 years of AICP behind them.

Board Resignation (Kim)

Kim announced the resignation of Jacquelyn McCray and our need to fill her seat.

In the past, the Governance Committee compiled a short list to evaluate and determine who would do this.

Kim asked that board members give him recommendations of anyone we should reach out to. We will also reach out to the ballot candidate that did not get elected.

Focused seat – we need to decide how we appoint the focused seats.

Ray asked if we need to limit the number of focused seats?

The Governance Committee will report back with a short list of potential candidates and will review the process of focused seat.

Voice of Planning Cleveland Event (Lukacsy-Love)

Event will take place this summer. Elected official audience. Hoping for around 200 invites including the APA Ohio Executive Committee and local APA Cleveland Executive Committee.

Legislative Committee Report (C. Davis)

See boardbook for full report.

DEI Taskforce Update (Thurman)

Thurman is asking how the DEI task force is being incorporated through the committee work plans.

Sinha mentioned that through the Membership Committee, we need to look at the pipeline.

Kim mentioned through the Governance Committee, we established focused seats through the election process.

Thurman asked how Sections are incorporating DEI into their programming.

Blair and Sinha reported on the thoughtful thinking of speakers and webinars around DEI.

T. Davis said the same and added that they take DEI into account particularly with the election process.

Meyer reported that the local section takes care to ensure DEI principles and a diverse group of local leadership.

The Cleveland section is working on programming geared towards children and planning.

E. Anderson mentioned that they local section has “adopted” a class to instill planning principles.

Ray mentioned that the goal was to take the DEI taskforce recommendations and the 2019 strategic plan and incorporate both into the yearly workplans. Ray suggests we could tell some success stories in the annual report.

Vincent suggests that one person in each committee be responsible for keeping track of DEI efforts and initiatives.

PDO Report (Burton)

See boardbook for full report.

Burton suggested we put some marketing material together to support mid-career planners in getting AICP.

Burton also suggested some action items she plans to work on including some “office hours” for members to ask questions and check-ins with the committees.

Treasurer’s Report (Lukacsy-Love)

See boardbook for full report.

A motion was made by Ray and seconded by Buettner to accept the Treasurer’s Report. Motion passes.

Lukacsy-Love mentioned we should be mindful of thresholds above the chapter by-law designations.

Lukacsy-Love reported there are several budget amendments. A motion was made by Sinha and seconded by Blair to approve the budget amendments.

Lukacsy-Love suggested we track and acknowledge when we use local and DEI inspired businesses when able.

C. Davis inquired if we can begin charging for Job advertisements on our website to provide another revenue stream. She suggested free for members and \$75 for non-members. A

motion was made by C. Anderson and seconded by Thurman to launch the new revenue stream beginning July 1.

Executive Director's Report (C. Davis)

See boardbook for full report.

Section Yearly Workplan Updates

Miami Valley

Election of officers is April 6. This will serve as a kickoff meeting as well for 2023. The annual P&Z Workshop will be on December 1, 2023. Two social events are also scheduled this year.

Cincinnati

Annual P&Z Workshop is March 10. Jared Ellice scholarship. \$50/year each section Geoff and Auffrey

Central Ohio

Central Ohio is focusing on the upcoming state conference in September and sprinkling various social events in between.

Cleveland

Cleveland is beginning to plan for their fall planning and zoning workshop along with their annual We Plan CLE event that takes place over the summer. They are also sprinkling various networking events in between.

Northwest Ohio

Northwest Ohio is planning for their fall planning and zoning workshop and will be sprinkling in various networking and section meetings throughout the year.

Business from the floor

Thurman asked for more information on the new School Planning Division. E. Anderson mentioned you can learn about each division at www.planning.org/divisions.

Thurman reiterated her interest in coordinating with APA Michigan on a conference.

Lukacsy-Love suggests we update policy platform to include man-made disasters along with the already stated natural disasters.

C. Davis asked the board if we should make a statement on the East Palestine train derailment.

Buettner offered to write a statement on the Board's behalf for C. Davis to release via normal communication channels.

Milz mentioned coordinating with the Emergency Management Agency (EMA) of Ohio.

Sinha suggested we update our group photo as we have new members.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 PM.