

Minutes

Board of Trustees Meeting April 14, 2023

Summary of Action Items

All Board Members:

- Mark your calendars - SPC 23 will take place September 27-29 in Columbus at the Hilton Downtown.
- Share the SPC call for sessions with your networks! www.ohioplanning.org/conference

I. Introductions

II. Roll Call & Communications

Ray called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM.

Present:

E. Anderson	L. Hollstein	A. Meyer
C. Anderson	K. Keough-Jurs	G. Milz
A. Blair	S. Kelly	R. Ray
K. Buettner	M. Kim	A. Schmidt
K. Burton	A. Lukacsy-Love	M. Schmidt
E. Canan	N. Martin	

Absent:

C. Auffrey	T. Hilde	S. Vincent
T. Davis	M. Sinha	
P. Etchie	C. Thurman	

III. Motion to Follow or Amend Agenda

A motion was made by C. Anderson and seconded by Ray to approve the agenda. Motion passes.

IV. Approval of Minutes from the February 17, 2022 Board Meeting

Meyer mentioned that Carla Chifos is misspelled on page 4 of the Boardbook. A motion was made by Ray and seconded by C. Anderson to approve the corrected minutes. Motion passes.

V. Action and Discussion Agenda

Ray suggested all board members introduce themselves.

Guest Speaker – ODOT Division of Planning - *Tim McDonald, Deputy Director*

- Highway trust fund was net positive but is now negative – so not self-sustaining
- The Gas Tax has not been increased since 1993
 - Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) provides the basis for FHWA programs and activities through September 2026
 - 30% of grants are discretionary grant opportunities
 - 54 grant types are available through BIL
 - Justice 40 Initiative: at least 40% of the benefits from grants, programs, and initiatives flow to disadvantaged communities. There is some confusion on how to define “benefit.”
 - Fun Fact: electric vehicles require 70% less parts than conventional gas powered vehicles.
- Learn more:
<https://www.transportation.ohio.gov/working/funding/resources/bipartisan-infrastructure-law-bil>

President’s Report (E. Anderson)

See boardbook for full report.

SPC 23 Update (Martin)

Theme – Foresight: Trending Towards Tomorrow

The conference will take September 27-29 at the Hilton Columbus Downtown. The call for Sessions has been released and based on the number of sessions received thus far, the call for sessions will be extended for another two weeks.

Martin asked that since the committee has selected two keynote speakers (Thursday: Nolan Gray and Friday: Majora Carter), each APA Ohio Section sponsor the Thursday keynote via a \$600 donation.

All section directors present were fine with sponsoring the Thursday keynote. C. Davis will follow up with the rest of the Section Directors to ensure they are willing to support this speaker.

Voice of Planning Event in Cleveland (Lukacsy-Love)

The purpose of this event is to highlight the importance of planning in Lakefront Development

The event will be split into two panels

1. Mayor Bibb and County Executive Chris Ronayne will be on a panel moderated by Plain Dealer architecture and planning critic Steven Litt.
2. After a light lunch, another panel will convene including the CEO of the Cleveland Metroparks, Cuyahoga County Planning Director and City of Cleveland Planning Director.

200 people are on the invite-only list. The audience is primarily composed of elected officials and those leading organizations along with planners in the area that are influential or partnering in the lakefront development.

APA and Cleveland.Com are creating videos and collateral material that we at APA Ohio can use including sound bites and short videos.

Governance Committee Report (Kim)

See boardbook for full report.

C. Davis explained that Eric Anderson is currently in “limbo” as a board member. This occurred during his transition from the Cincinnati Section representative to the board to his role as Vice President/President Elect and then to President. As representative to the Cincinnati Section, it was unnecessary for him to participate in any elections as this is an appointed position. His appointment to Vice President/President Elect and President occurred without him officially being elected to the Board.

Buettner and a motion was made by Buettner and seconded by A. Schmidt to appoint Eric Anderson to the vacant board seat (4 year term). Motion passes.

Legislative Committee Report (C. Davis on behalf of Sam Perry)

See boardbook for full report.

Membership Committee (A. Schmidt)

A. Schmidt reported that the membership committee has met several times to determine new initiatives regarding students and universities.

There will be two touch points per year (fall and spring) with universities in Ohio. The first is next Friday with a PowerPoint presentation. The Committee is also looking at what they can do at the state conference regarding membership and awareness of membership.

Awards Committee (M. Schmidt)

M. Schmidt reported that the student awards program is once again being administered in the spring for Cleveland State, University of Cincinnati (fall) and The Ohio State University. As a reminder, \$1,500 is allotted to each school.

The state planning awards will also kick off in the next month or so. The awards presentation will take place on Friday, September 29 at the Keynote Luncheon via a pre-recorded presentation. Awards will be given in-person at the conclusion of the recorded presentation.

Annual Report Discussion (C. Davis)

C. Davis asked the Board for feedback on any topics or achievements that should be mentioned in the annual report.

M. Schmidt suggested a Call to Action which could be prepared by the legislative committee
Lukacsy-Love suggested some because we plan moments

Blair suggested the title of the annual report be changed to inspire more interest

Holstein suggested that we include the student perspective

All were in agreement that more photos of membership in action would be helpful

Harassment Protocol Discussion (C. Davis)

C. Davis gave an overview of the recent (January) allegations against an FAICP board member in Virginia. This sparked an outcry – led by the Women and Planning Division – for APA to create protocols and written conduct regulations around sexual harassment.

APA formed a taskforce to discuss and make recommendations about this issue. They are still in deliberations and plan to present their ideas and suggestions at an upcoming APA National board meeting.

In efforts to support this call at NPC, APA posted signage throughout the conference venue listing the code of conduct expected from all participants. APA also hired an ombudsman to be available throughout the conference to speak with members.

C. Davis asked if APA should create some protocols and/or codes of conduct at the APA Ohio level.

The majority opinion was to wait for the APA taskforce to come up with their plan, and emulate if we find it to be worthwhile.

Treasurer's Report (Lukacsy-Love)

See boardbook for full report.

A motion was made by Ray and seconded by C. Anderson to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion passes.

Lukacsy-Love reported that she is looking at our procurement strategy and tracking our purchases to ensure we are attempting to purchase local and purchase from disadvantaged businesses.

C. Anderson asked if there should be a policy in deciding which vendor is used.

Lukacsy-Love suggested we create a vendor database.

Executive Director's Report (C. Davis)

See boardbook for full report.

Section Yearly Workplan Updates

Miami Valley (A. Rodney)

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 (Meyer)

The annual P&Z Workshop took place March 10 at the DAAP school on the UC campus. The Jared Ellis scholarship will begin accepting donations. APA Ohio will administer this process.

C. Davis asked that APA Ohio accept the merchant fees associated with this donation program as a way to support the efforts of the Section.

A motion was made by Milz and seconded by Auffrey to wave \$50/year in merchant fees to each Section for any such donation program. Motion passes.

Business from the floor

Thurman asked for more information on the new School Planning Division. E. Anderson suggested that all Division information can be found at www.planning.org/divisions.

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

C. Davis responded that she has been in talks with APA Michigan staff and will coordinate with Northwest Ohio Section Director Pat Etchie who previously spoke with APA Michigan leadership on a joint event in Toledo or Detroit.

Lukacsy-Love suggested the Legislative Committee should update the policy platform to reflect not only natural disasters, but human-made disasters.

C. Davis asked if the Board would like to make a statement on the East Palestine train derailment.

Buettner volunteered to write a statement of support regarding the train derailment and will connect the support to our Policy Platform.

Milz suggested we coordinate an introductory meeting with the Ohio Emergency Management Association.

C. Davis mentioned it may be interesting to connect with APA Hazard Mitigation and Disaster Recovery Planning Division members in Ohio. Or even the Division leadership.

Sinha suggests we get an updated group photo sometime soon since we have new board members among us. All agree.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 PM.