

Minutes

Board of Trustees Meeting June 16, 2023

Summary of Action Items

All Board Members:

Registration for SPC23 opens in August!

I. Introductions

II. Roll Call & Communications

Ray called the meeting to order at 10:04 AM.

Present:

E. Anderson
C. Anderson
C. Auffrey
A. Iair
K. Buettner
K. Burton

E. Canan
T. Hilde
M. Kim
A. Lukacsy-Love
A. Meyer
G. Miz

R. Ray
A. Rodney
M. Sinha
C. Thurman
S. Vincent

Absent:

P. Etchie
K. Keough-Jurs
L. Hollstein

S. Kelly
N. Martin
A. Schmidt

M. Schmidt

III. Motion to Follow or Amend Agenda

A motion was made by Sinha and seconded by Meyer to approve the agenda. Motion passes.

IV. Approval of Minutes from the April 14, 2023 Board Meeting

Buettner mentioned his name was mentioned twice in a motion on page 3. A motion was made by Buettner and seconded by C. Anderson to approve the minutes. Motion passes.

V. Action and Discussion Agenda

Guest Speaker – Ohio REALTORS – Veronica Cardello, Director of Local Government Affairs

- There are 37,000 REALTORS in Ohio and many of them are elected officials.
- They have a Neighborhood Revitalization program.
- “REALTORS don’t sell houses, they sell communities.”
- They focus on sustainability, fair housing, affordable housing, zoning and comprehensive planning, infrastructure, smart growth.
- Ohio REALTORS have grants available!
- <https://realtorparty.realtor/>

- Cardello@ohiorealtors.org

President's Report (E. Anderson)

See boardbook for full report.

E. Anderson reported that several chapters have requested that NPC26 be moved out of Florida. C. Davis reported that she does not think NPC26 will be in Florida due to several factors. It was determined that we will release a statement to members once APA National releases their decision and statement regarding Florida.

SPC 23 Update (C. Davis)

Theme – Foresight: Trending Towards Tomorrow

The conference will take September 27-29 at the Hilton Columbus Downtown.

The call for sessions has ended with over 70 submissions. All proposals have been reached out to with the committee decision.

Legislative Committee Report (E. Canan)

See boardbook for full report.

The Legislative Committee will host a mobile workshop at SPC23 on Thursday, September 28. The Committee is setting up legislators to come down and talk informally with planners. There will also be a tour of the Statehouse. The Committee is also available to coordinate meetings with specific legislators.

Awards Committee Report (C. Davis)

C. Davis reported that the awards committee has released their call for award submissions.

C. Davis asked the board to award the President's Award to previous board member Joyce Braverman. A motion was made by C. Anderson and seconded by R. Ray to award the President's Award to Joyce Braverman. Motion passes.

OEDA + APA Ohio Joint Program (R. Ray)

Third round. Focus on Infrastructure and Planning and Economic Development. If board members have any great topics and/or speakers, please let Rachel know. September 12 in Columbus

JobsOhio

Ray and C. Davis recently met with staff at JobsOhio to introduce each other and begin a relationship with them. Jobs Ohio is also speaking at SPC23.

Ray reported that she and C. Davis spoke with JobsOhio about the East Palestine disaster. JobsOhio is looking to sponsor a comprehensive plan for East Palestine. We are hoping to assist with this effort.

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 be 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 agreeance that more photos of membership in action would be helpful

Treasurer's Report (Lukacsy-Love)

See boardbook for full report.

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

Our fiscal year is July 1 – June 30.

Our basic checking account been carrying a line item for Planners4Health with a balance of approximately \$25,000. Lukacsy-Love requests that we move these funds to its own account for special projects. Special projects are currently tapped out of the Scholarship fund.

C. Anderson agreed to move the funds for clarity.

A motion was made by C. Anderson and seconded by Ray to approve the movement of funds to a separate checking account.

Accounting codes have been updated and those not used recently have been moved off the budget for clarity.

The pilot program that charges for job postings will go into effect July 1.

The procurement strategy will begin July 1. We will begin tracking our purchases and reflect on it to ensure we are utilizing local and disadvantaged businesses.

The APA Ohio ED is requesting a retainer increase of approximately 5% to begin on July 1.

A motion was made by Milz and seconded by Blair to approved the 5% retainer increase. Motion passes.

A motion was made by Blair and seconded by Buettner to approve the FY24 budget. Motion passes.

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 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.