

WESTERN CENTRAL CHAPTER OF AMERICAN PLANNING ASSOCIATION

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 1, 2011 (Conference Call)

President Getchius called the meeting to order with the following present: Neil Putnam, Andy Epple, Amber Vogt, Allyson Bristor, Jeff Bollman, Pepper McClenehan; Absent Dave Mingo, Joanne Garnett, and James Quirk

Minutes of previous meeting: Motion by Vogt, seconded by McClenehan to approve the minutes, all members voting aye, motion carried.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer Bollman report cash on hand of \$24,678.93. He also reported that he filed the 990 Form with the IRS. He has some outstanding expenses from the Leadership Council Meeting in Boston. Motion by McClenehan, seconded by Epple to approve the treasurer's report, all members voting aye, motion carried.

President's Report: Getchius reported on the Leadership Council meeting in Boston. She shared the results of APA's Blue Ribbon Task Force. She mentioned that APA is looking at consolidation of chapter, division and board elections. They are concerned about the constant turnover. Getchius mentioned that APA is looking at moving the Leadership Council out of Washington DC, due to the costs. She reported some chapters are looking at dues increases, she noted that it has been many years since the WCC increased dues. She also indicated that we may be the only chapter that does not host its own conference, thus our revenue is limited to only dues. The WCC board will discuss this further and explore partnerships with the four states. Getchius and Epple will develop a proposal for consideration at the next meeting.

Young Planners: Putnam reported that has names from all the states of planners that may be interested in forming a WCC Young Planners Group. A communication will be submitted to them. The Young Planner Initiative has been drafted; however the group may change it to accommodate their recommendations.

Web/Newsletter Report: Bristor sent out dates for submission for the newsletter. She will be featuring the board members on the site. She reminded the board to send information to be added to the site. She will be setting up a link on the website for members to respond to the WCC Strategic Plan. She will also install a counter on the website to track visitors.

Western Planner Report: Vogt reminded the board of the 2011 Western Planner Conference will be this August in Santa Fe, New Mexico. The hotel is starting to fill up. She mentioned they are looking at an on-line registration process. Bollman mentioned the 2012 Western Planner Conference will be in Billings, Montana.

Professional Development Officer Report: McClenehan is looking for suggestions for the WCC August slot for professional development webinars. It was suggested that we host one on ethics. She was to contact someone with ethic credentials to present. She reminded the board there are sponsorship guidelines for the state conferences to receive AICP credits. She also needs to coordinate with the four state presidents and education officers. She also reminds the board that AICP approved sessions need to be submitted early in order to have them approved by APA. McClenehan has the template to help the chapter facilitate AICP/CM approval.

State Reports:

North Dakota: no report

South Dakota: Putnam said the South Dakota Planners Conference will be October 26-27, 2011 in Huron, South Dakota. He also provided a report on SD Legislative Activity.

Montana: Bollman reported the MAP conference will be September 13-16, 2011 at Big Sky, Montana. He also reported on the MT legislature.

Wyoming: Getchius reported that WYOPASS just completed a workshop.

The next meeting is to be determined later.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes prepared by Neil Putnam