Western Central Chapter

American Planning Association

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

July 13, 2020

Attendees: Jeff Bollman, AICP, President; Charles Bloom, AICP, Vice-President; Sandy Rohde, Secretary North Dakota State Representative; Lysann Zeller, South Dakota; David Heinold, Webmaster; Larry Weil, Western Planner Representative.

Agenda:

1. Discussion on the PDO and Secretary position, Megan has volunteered to be the PDO and Sandy has volunteer to be secretary. Charles moved to have Megan take the PDO position and Sandy take the Secretary position, Lysann seconded. All voted aye, motion carried.
2. Minutes

Charles moved to approve the minutes from May 11, 2020 as presented. Lysann seconded. All voted aye, motion carried.

1. President’s Report

Jeff gave an update on the APA Legislative Summit that will be virtual. Jeff contacted the APA to inquire if a representative from each of the Western Central Chapter States could have a representative attend the summit, APA would allow that. Jeff has heard back from ND, SD and Wyoming with representative interested in the summit. APA national has put together some resources on virtual meetings, Jeff can help get the resources need for the virtual meetings. Jeff is working on the final hand off to Lysann for the Treasurer position.

1. Treasurer’s Report

Lysann sent out the financial report for review to the Executive Board.

1. PDO Report

Megan was not on the call. Jeff did not have anything additional to add.

1. Website Update

David is just keeping the job postings current. Jeff and David sent out the website stats for the past 6 months. David will put Legislative information from the Western Central Chapter states.

1. Western Planner Representative

Larry Weil gave the board a background of his past and present positions with the Western Planner and Western Central Chapter. 2020 Western Planner conference that was to be held in Bismarck has been cancelled because of the Covid-19. Arizona will be the host for the 2021 Western Planner conference in Scottsdale and NDPA will host the conference in 2022 in Bismarck. Western Planner has a committee working on obtaining donations to help

with the finances this year.

1. Young Planners Initiative – Mentorship Program Update

Charles was wondering if Western Planner will be having any virtual meeting for young planners to connect up with other young planners. A suggestion was to host a zoom meeting for young planners. Lysann and Charles will work on some ideas for this and Jeff will check with APA to see if there is a plateau for this.

1. State Reports
   1. Wyoming

Charles gave an update on WYOPASS. Charles will collect some information for successes and failures that people have experienced during the Covid-19. Charles will reach out to get information and we will put together a report for next meeting. Charles gave a report on how their state is working through the Covid-19 and the reduction that may need to be done.

* 1. South Dakota

Not a lot to update, Lysann went over the new legislation which was passed and took effect in July 2020. David questioned if any our offices are requiring masks when meeting with clients.

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Sandy gave the update from NDPA, NDPA is working on some short online session. NDPA has 79 members and Natalie from Morton County is gearing up for the next Legislative session. Larry informed the board that NDLC is still having their conference in September and that there may be some opportunities for some sessions for planners.

* 1. Montana

Jeff gave the Montana update. The conference in Montana scheduled for October has been cancelled and elections have been done.

1. Other Business

Jeff gave a Newsletter update Jacob Cote the Newsletter editor has moved to Colorado, Jeff is looking for a replacement and will send something out to the members. The consensus of the board was to try zoom for the next meeting, Jeff will work in getting this set up.

Adjourn

The next meeting is scheduled for October 13, 2020 at 3pm. The meeting was adjourned at 3:58 pm (MST).