

**WESTERN CENTRAL CHAPTER  
AMERICAN PLANNING ASSOCIATION**

**MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 19, 2009**

President Getchius called the meeting, via conference call, to order with the following present:

April Getchius, President, Casper, WY  
Neil Putnam, Vice-President, Mitchell, SD  
Andy Epple, Past President, Bozeman, MT  
Pepper McClenahan, PDO, Casper, WY  
Amber Vogt, WPR Representative, Deadwood, SD  
Joanne Garnett, WY Director, Sheridan, WY  
Allyson Bristor, Newsletter Editor/Webmaster, Bozeman, MT

Absent: Dave Mingo, Secretary/SD Director, Yankton, SD; Steve Miller, ND Director, Bismarck, ND; Jeff Bollman, Treasurer, Billings, MT

Approval of Minutes: Moved by Vogt, seconded by Garnett to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. All members present voting aye, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: No report

Presidents Report: Getchius reported she is working on a Chapter Plan and will have a more extensive report at the meeting in Spearfish. She also reported that elections for President and Vice-President of WCC are due in the next couple months. Getchius and Putnam indicated they would seek another term for their current positions. Getchius appointed Andy Epple and Allyson Bristor to the nominating committee which will be chaired by Vice-President Putnam. The process according to the WCC By-Laws will commence soon.

State Reports:

South Dakota: Putnam reminded the board the South Dakota Planners Association is hosting the 2009 Western Planner Conference in Spearfish, SD. He also mentioned many SD Planners are active in various stimulus projects.

North Dakota: no report

Wyoming: Garnett reported WYOPASS is encouraging attendance to the Spearfish Conference. They hosted the WPR conference last year in Cheyenne, WY

Montana: Epple reported the MT Legislature didn't have too many bills affecting land use. MAP is holding a state conference in late September.

Professional Development Officer Report: McClenahan reported the feedback from the webinars has been positive. WCC recently hosted one on 'Wind Energy'. She inquired if WCC would sponsor a future webinar. The committee was supportive and McClenahan will secure WCC a time and she welcomes suggestions for topics. She also indicated many appreciate the free service for CM credits. She reported the WCC Webinar had approximately 757 attendees.

Western Planner Liaison Report: Vogt provided an update on 2009 Western Planner Conference in Spearfish, South Dakota. SDPA is please with the registrations despite the economic conditions and arrangements are coming together. They are pleased with the quality of sessions and appreciate WCC's support.

Web/Newsletter Report: Bristor is working on the summer newsletter which will be out soon. She is continuing to update the website, particularly noting conferences.

No other business, Getchius adjourned the meeting.

Next meeting Thursday, September 10, 2009, Spearfish, SD