Western Central Chapter

American Planning Association

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

November 16, 2020

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

Agenda

1. Minutes

Megan moved to approve the minutes form the July 13th, 2020 as presented. Lysann seconded the motion, motion carried with all members voting aye.

1. President’s Report

Jeff was wondering about getting zoom set up for meetings and was wondering what other state organization are doing. CPC Virtual Fall Meeting have used zoom for their meeting, we will discuss this at our next meeting. Jeff went over some of the topics that they went over at the CPC Virtual Fall Meeting. Lynn Jorgenson, who was employed by APA and was WCC contact and was a valuable connection for WCC has passed away. AICP issues were discussed, digital Certificates can be added to your email and the membership benefits. AIPC discussion on remote proctoring for the exam if you take it from home, in process of updating the exam. FAICP recruitment for more women to get into the FAICP. New planners have started a pod cast and there is more information on the website for engagement of students and new planners. As of now there will not be any in person APA activities in 2021. CPC is going to try to have more quarterly meetings since they will not be meeting in person.

1. Treasurer Report

It is getting close to having Lysann on the account and take over the financial report. There has been no activity coming up, Megan did go in and update APA credits. Megan will check to see if APA will take the fee out of our membership dues or if we have to send a check for the fee.

1. PDO Report

We have 7 people registered to take the AICP test this month. We have 3 people who turned in their essay’s and have registered for the November exam. People who are requesting information for study guides are being directed to the states that have study information. Megan will send information to David about the AIPC scholarship to put on the website, scholarships are available and applicants can send their information to Megan. FIACP nominations are due in August of 2021 and Megan went over the updates on the guidelines.

1. Website Update-David did not have any new items.
2. Western Planner

Larry updated the Board on the progress of the 2021 WPA Conference in Arizona. The conference will be in August of 2021 in Scottsdale Arizona. The NDPA Association conference that was to be held in Bismarck in 2020 will now be held in Bismarck North Dakota in 2022. WPA is looking at trying to get an Annual Fundraiser done toward the end of this year. WPA is working on with Tribal Planning Division and also working with APA to have Tribal Planning be reestablished.

1. YPI/Mentorship Program Update

Lysann & Megan informed the board that Charles had a pretty successful polling ice breaker to start the conversation on the zoom call. Charles put it out for new members or any members to get to know other members.

1. State News & Report
   1. North Dakota- NDPA is doing a Free Planning Commission Training on November 18th from 11AM to 1PM and currently we have 100+ people registered.
   2. South Dakota-Passed Adult Use-Recreational and medical marijuana and Lysann stated that this could be an issue for land planning. Lysann wanted to see if we could gather some resources for the members as Adult use marijuana could be coming to other states. Lysann also reported that South Dakota also passed Sports betting. Tribal Planning is a big national issue, any ideas on how to work with the reservations on Land Planning.

Wyoming-Megan has been trying to be more active with the association, elections are coming up and everyone is running unopposed. They have been doing some webinars, there will be a Planners Jeopardy on December 2nd, 2020. Wyopass is working on housing information and trying to help the communities that do not have a planner.

* 1. Montana-Jeff went over the legislation session that will be coming up in January. Andrea has been working with the Association of Counties, League of Cities and surveyors on subdivision rules and having communities adopt zoning.

1. Other Business

Jeff would like to send out an email to WCC members to see if any member would like to take over the newsletter. Lysann was wondering if our organization is still working with Ohio and if we have access to their webinars, Jeff will look into that.

Adjourn: The next meeting is scheduled for January 11th, 2021 at 3PM. The meeting was adjourned at 4:11 Mountain time.