

Buffalo Niagara Chapter, ASPA
MINUTES CHAPTER MEETING

April 17, 2018 (5:00-5:40 p.m.)

Location: Health Foundation for Western and Central New York, Larkin at Exchange Building
726 Exchange St., Suite 518 Buffalo, NY 14210

Ken called the meeting to order (5:00 p.m.) .

A. Call of the roll

Ken Stone, Diane Oyler, Chris Jones, Brian Bray, Lou Petrucci, Marisa Nold, Paul Shore, Laurie Buonanno, Teresa Vincent, Miguel Reyes-Mariano, LaShawn Chinn, Tony Atran, Atta Ceesay, Ryan Gadzo

B. Approval/Changes to the Agenda

Lou motion to approve the agenda. Motion Carries

C. Minutes of the Organizational Meeting of March 20, 2018

Lou motion to approve the March minutes. Motion carries.

D. Office Reporters

Ken appointed Laurie Buonanno Interim Secretary.

1. Interim President

a. Nomination Committee Appointments

Ken appointed Diane Oyler, Laurie Buonanno, Lou Petrucci

Lou will chair the committee. Ken will provide emails to Lou to solicit nominations, which close on May 11, 2018.

b. Reminder re Public Service Week at SUNY Buffalo State 4/17/20

F. New Business

1. Encourage chapter members to participate in PSRW. Dr. Atta Ceesay was invited to speak about the event.

Action: Buonanno agreed to email the program to the chapter membership.

2. Annual Meeting of the Buffalo-Niagara Chapter

Will be held on Monday, June 11th, 5 pm Larkin Suite 518

Chris Jones motions. Approved.

Discussion ensued as to the main business to be discussed at the Annual Meeting. Buonanno suggested the chapter consider forming a committee “Community Partnerships” for a board

member to chair. Astran suggested table tents for ASPA meetings. Oyler will look into the HFWCY providing table tents.

Oyler informed the membership about the “Alliance for Strong Families and Communities.” HFWCNY looking to ensure public sector managers attend and hear about this initiative. Date not yet selected, but it won’t be before September. Likely October. Have a big planning staff. Hoping ASPA will get the word out and attend.

Announcements:

Petrucci announced poisoning prevention – City interested in hiring three people. The specs – collect data, manage the program, bi-monthly reporting. Lou is going to forward the position announcements to Stone, who will forward to the membership.

Bray announced that Hilbert will purchase student memberships for all of Hilbert’s MPA students. Two Hilbert students attended this meeting as new members of ASPA.

Introductions of New Members:

(see March meetings for information on previous chapter meeting attendees)

Teresa Vincent compliance officer at Independent Health, MPA alumna, Hilbert College.

Lashone Sharron, Hilbert NYS Dept of Health, and prior to that ECDSS, MPA alumna, Hilbert College.

Ryan Gadzo, Research Analyst Erie County Department of Senior Services, MPA alumnus, Buffalo State

Atta Ceesay, arrived at Buffalo State in 2015 from IU Norhtwest, PhD from Rutgers Newark’s SPAA, Directs Buffalo State’s MPA program, and nonprofit track. MBA, private sector Kimberly Clark for about 10 years prior to doctoral training.

Brian Poliner – EC legislature, ASPA member, MPA Hilbert, PhD Niagara Public Policy, teaches at Hilbert and Niagara University

Motion to Adjourn (Bray). Meeting adjourned at 5:40 PM