

ASPA Meeting Minutes – October 16, 2018

Bray called the meeting to order to order at 5:39 p.m.

- A. Call of the roll.
Membership sign-in sheet circulated.

Present: Ken Stone, Diane Oyler, Laurie Buonanno, Paul Shore, Kim German, Brian Bray, Brian Poliner, Tony Astran, Chris Jones, Lou Petrucci, Marisa Nold

Vote to approve the September 11, 2018 meeting minutes. Motion by Petrucci. Seconded.

Officer Reports:

President:

- 1.) Stone has been corresponding with LaVonda Humphries, our new ASPA chapter representative.
- 2.) Stone will provide us her contact information.
- 3.) We have over \$900 of saving and chapter rebates. We need to get an EIN or apply for a new one, so Stone will investigate that to get some proceeds.

Treasurer:

- 1.) There's no real report, we don't have money at this point.
- 2.) Stone has been in touch with ASPA, ASPA holding onto money for which we have a claim for \$1,320.71.
- 3.) In order to claim money, we have to set up a bank account and letter with an employment verification. Stone is checking it out.
- 4.) Currently, we have \$921.71 on behalf of the chapter. We don't know where money came from, but we have \$198 as a chapter rebate from 2016 and \$210 as a chapter rebate from 2017.
- 5.) Stone has explained to ASPA that our chapter didn't exist for last two years, but ASPA needs annual reports and we don't have those.
- 6.) We are waiting to hear back from ASPA about the \$912.71.

Communications Officer:

- 1.) There's no real report, waiting to take next steps.
- 2.) We want to look at membership role and a possible private Facebook page. We'll e-mail the group to see what needs are, to see what channel people want to chat through. Once

we get that rolling, we'll get a plan in motion. Nothing concrete but next meeting for sure.

Membership Officer:

1.) Work is being done on Hilbert campus, applications coming in and little bit of money. There's a handful of people, four or five new members coming from Hilbert. They'll pay the ASPA student membership fee for now.

Secretary:

September 11, 2018 minutes were uploaded to Dropbox.

Unfinished Business –

A.

Networking –

- 1.) November 14, 2018 County Deputy Executive Maria White to give talk from 5:30 to 7. She's going to discuss Erie County plan to have Erie County fall into guidelines for Paris Climate Accord.
- 2.) The location will be at Cole's for \$200. Bray was willing to pay the \$200 provided he would get reimbursement.
- 3.) Free event, chapter members encouraged to bring prospective ASPA members.
- 4.) Outreach efforts to Buffalo State/Hilbert students.
- 5.) Membership materials – Phil Carlisle is supposed to supply membership materials to ASPA, ASPA maybe to help with logo, have a small tabletop banner. We will have someone do check-ins, e-mail addresses, etc.

Motion approving spending up to \$200 at Cole's by Bray. Seconded. Motion carries.

B.

Public Service Recognition Week –

- 1.) Dr. Ceesay has proposed Saturday, April 27, 2019 for PSRW. An anonymous donor came up with \$5,000 and more to come if he likes what we did to prepare.
- 2.) The donor would like to see the keynote speaker be involved with public sector unions (his preference). He wants to see how successful PSRW is before he commits more money. Delaware North also donated money.

- 3.) The daylong conference will consist of various panels. It has been reserved at the Alumni House at Buffalo State. If the attendance is too large, it'll take place in the Science Building.
- 4.) It was suggested that one ASPA Board member volunteer to be one of the committees to promote an ASPA-related theme. The volunteer could take the opportunity to recruit current/prospective members to the panel.
- 5.) It is anticipated that two panels will be participating simultaneously with breakfast, lunch and two coffee breaks served throughout the day. We may also have a dinner, but it is dependent on how much money is committed to PSRW.
- 6.) There currently is not a theme for PSRW 2019. When the steering committee is formed, it will choose a theme.

Motion for PSRW to be on April 27, 2019 and a volunteer to be on committee. Buonanno will find out what theme will be to ensure that most appropriate ASPA Board member is on volunteer committee. The volunteer should also be someone willing to recruit and vet panels.

Petrucci is willing to reach out to ASPA to see if someone from there would be willing to come to PSRW first.

Motion for PSRW to be April 27th by Bray. Seconded.

New Business:

Journal Idea from Buonanno and Poliner –

- 1.) Digital Commons have journals at Buffalo State that the library will pay for.
- 2.) Idea for an online journal, at no cost. It would be defined as nonprofit and public and meant to entice WNY, NYS and Great Lakes students and new practitioners.
- 3.) It would give the opportunity for alumni/current students at Hilbert and Buffalo State to turn their MPA projects into a 2-3,000-word publication in the journal.
- 4.) The journal would be peer-reviewed, and research articles would be either blind or double blind.
- 5.) Buonanno and Poliner volunteered to be co-editors and to possibly start up an editorial board.
- 6.) The editorial board would also make determinations and give recommendations to Board. Authors could submit short stories and research articles, a good opportunity to reach out to new students and new practitioners in our institutions.
- 7.) The journal could serve different counties for practitioners. Canisius has a strong political science department and it's an efficient way to reach out to people and network and get out into the community and do good for the organizations that different research has been conducted for.

Motion for the Board supporting this concept and having Buonanno and Poliner move this idea forward by Bray. Seconded. Motion carries.

The Thing from the Future was played after the meeting.

Next meeting date, November 27th, 5:30, same place

Motion to adjourn by Jones, Seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.