

ASPA Meeting Minutes – June 18, 2019 (Annual Chapter Meeting)

Attendance: MaKenzie Docteur, Connor Levin, Brian Bray, Chris Jones, Brian Poliner, Ken Stone, Chris Marcello, Paul Shore, Mike Hughes, Laurie Buonanno, Tony Astran, Marisa Nold, Kimberly German (13 members present!)

Opening remarks from Ken Stone

Question and Answer session from Edward Rath, III

Approval/Changes to the Agenda: Motion to approve agenda by Tony Astran. Seconded.

Approval of minutes from June 11, 2018: Motion to approve minutes by Jones. Seconded.

Officer Reports:

President –

- We formed a chapter, we reactivated and re-chartered EIN.
- Our funds were transferred from old organizations. We've undertaken programs and events and planned for more.
- We facilitated the November event with Maria White, the Thing from the Future simulation in March. In April, we co-sponsored Public Service Recognition Week (PSRW), which was well attended.
- At PSRW, Brian Bray and Brian Poliner facilitated a discussion on ethics, Janus decision discussion.
- Future networking events –at the Irishman right after meeting (first round of drinks on Ken)

Treasurer –

- We received funding from ASPA National, asking to join local chapter (\$10) and will get recirculated to local chapter. We have \$1,316.76 in our bank account, no outstanding payments so we're in good standing.

Communications Officer –

- We have an account through Mail Chimp, flyers, newsletters, 55 addresses but includes people that are members/prospects. Hopefully, the list will continue to grow.
- On Facebook/Twitter/LinkedIn, members can join and we can build some type of web presence so people can look at our events and see our newsletters.

Membership Officer –

- We are to provide membership information.
- We handed out applications at Buffalo State and quite a few were followed up on.
- Through Buffalo State and Hilbert, we have a strong cohort coming in August.
- Our goal is to make sure that new members become part of ASPA.

Secretary –

- The minutes from May 8, 2019 uploaded to Dropbox.
- Will work with Communications Officer for him to upload meeting minutes onto our website.

Elections:

President-Elect – Brian Bray was elected President-Elect. He becomes the new president at the end of our annual meeting.

We shall elect four new Board members each cycle.

The nomination committee (McKenzie Docteur (chair), Dr. Atta Ceesay and Dr. Suparna Soni) met and made the following nomination recommendations:

Recommendations:

President-Elect – Tony Astran

Four Board members: Michael Hughes, Gordy Stewart, Ray Wagner, McKenzie Docteur

Bray approved by acclamation. Seconded.

Welcome, new Board members! 😊

Brian Bray - New President

New President:

Reflection on Ken Stone's leadership:

- Buffalo/Niagara ASPA did not exist and we've now successfully met and been in existence for a year. We have a bank account, social media account.
- Future goal: starting journal on WNY region/Great Lakes area. Currently there is not one in print, but there is a strong motion on that endeavor.

Unfinished Business -

- None

New Business:

Planning for 2019-2020 meetings and events:

Civil Service Savvy Workshop:

- We're hoping to hear from state civil service, county civil service sometime in the fall.
- We could hold it possibly in a lab after a lecture, so people have access to computers.
- We can have one at Hilbert, one at Buffalo State on a first-come, first-serve basis.
- A computer lab at a central library has 22 seats.
- We can limit the workshop to Thursday evenings or Saturdays for people that have little or no experience in civil service, may not necessarily be students.
- We could notify civil service unions to be in conjunction with these study groups.
- We would be looking to have the workshop on a Thursday evening in the fall.
- CSSW would follow 4-6 weeks after we hold another networking event in the fall (October/November).

Public Service Recognition Week 2020:

- Brian Poliner and Brian Bray put together ethics panel last PSRW.
- ASPA cosponsors with Buffalo State.
- ASPA to appoint members to a committee and committee should meet regularly and for possible awards.

Spring networking Happy Hour:

- Thing from the Future networking event/Happy Hour/speaker present
- Chris Marcello and Chris Jones will help organize an August/September Happy Hour before CSSW.

Future Board meetings:

- Brian Bray is to now configure Board meetings.
- Tony Astran is now President-Elect and both he and Brian Bray are Board members so we'll have to choose two new Board members.
- Board members: Tony, Brian, Chris Jones, Kimberly German, Mike Hughes, Gordy Andrews, Ray Walters and McKenzie Docteur.
- We have two vacant seats that should be newly elected.
- Chris Marcello is interested in becoming a Board member, filling Brian's seat.
- Brian Bray resigns his Board seat as he's now Board President, interim appoints Chris Marcello through the next general election, June 2020.
- Tony will reach out to Rosealee(?) if she wants his spot since she has a city position. However, we'll need some indication from her that she wants to be a Board member.
- Tony will issue a press release about the vacated seats.

- Ken to e-mail the entire Board the Board roster (names, e-mail addresses and phone numbers).

We have 35 paid members. 😊

Brian Bray will run Doodle poll for the next Board meeting in late July.

Motion to adjourn by Gordon Stewart. Seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.