

ASPA Meeting Minutes - September 17, 2019

Present: Brian Bray, Marisa Nold, Chris Marcello, Ray Wagner, Ken Stone, Chris Jones, Rosaleen Nagle, Michael Hughes, Tony Astran, Kim German, Gordy Stewart

Meeting called at: 5:32 p.m.

No amendments to the agenda.

Motion to approve the agenda. Seconded.

Amendment of 7/29/19 minutes to add Chris Marcello in attendance. Seconded.

Motion to approve 7/29/19 minutes as amended. Seconded.

Officer Reports –

President:

- The NECOPA conference in Brooklyn, NY
- The ASPA 2020 National Conference is April 3-7, 2020 in Anaheim, CA.
- At the ASPA annual conference, they're going to give every chapter an opportunity to have panel at conference that is practitioner focused.
- The date to have panel paperwork in to give to ASPA National Conference is October 4, 2019.
- Any suggestions on a chapter panel must be practitioner-led and focused.
- National conference – 20 spots for a founder's fellowship that includes admission and students and recent graduates invited to apply by 10/11.
- Complementary admission and opportunity to present research at conference.
- ASPA member must be in good standing and letter of recommendation from other ASPA member must be in good standing.
- Brian Bray would present on the chapter panel as president and on behalf of our chapter.
- If we want to give any awards to an elected official or any ASPA member, the nomination process is through 11/1/19.

Treasurer:

Not present

Communications Officer:

- Our ASPA website is slowly coming along but it has a foundational page, hoping it will be up and running the following week.

- Tony will work with Brian Poliner on how to become member and list it on website.
- Officers/Members to provide a photo by September 28th.
- We have ASPA e-mail address listed on the website, as well.
- Tony will list the following upcoming events on website: Civil Service Savvy Workshop (CSSW), Bylaws/Meeting Minutes, Photo Gallery, Contact Page, Newsletter signup box
- Aspabuffaloniagara.wordpress.com is our domain name. If we want to make it a .com or a .org, the cost for that will be \$18 per year and first year is free. We must sign up for one of their plans. The premium is \$8/month and business \$25/month - 13 gigabytes vs. 200 gigabytes. If we upgrade to business, it's more bells and whistles.
- Our social media has been quiet, but we have upcoming events to post about.
- Tony will issue a press release, announcing our next event.
- We will start with premium service, so we have a domain.

Motion for Tony to go ahead with domain/premium and Paul can write a check for the subscription. It will remove ads but not entire Word Press brand.

Motion to go with the premium service. Seconded.

Motion to have it the domain as a .org. Seconded.

Secretary:

Minutes from the 7/29/2019 hearing were uploaded to Dropbox.

Old Business:

Upcoming Events -

- CSSW – Brian Bray to have representatives from the Erie County personnel department to appear.
- The representatives will include lower level staff who knows the ins and outs of civil service.
- Another representative will present and give a bigger overview of personnel in Erie County, possibly a presentation from someone from USA Jobs or from New York State.
- Michael Hughes could do a quick presentation on USA Jobs
- CSSW will be held on 10/10 at 5:30-7:30 in the Central Library Collections Gallery - second floor conference room.
- The event will be held from 6-7, and we must be out by 7:45.
- CSSW is an MPA student outreach that is highly geared towards MPA students.
- Ken will work with Buffalo State to make sure students are aware of event on Buffalo State's MPA website and social media account. Brian Bray will work with Brian Poliner to ensure that Hilbert students know about the event, as well.
- Tony will make flyers for the event.

- Brian Bray will create an Eventbrite RSVP, and Tony will include it on the flyer and integrate it with social media.

Fall Networking Event:

- Chris Jones showed us the Thing from the Future game and explained the concept
- The event is to be held at Thin Man - We put in a request for reservation space, came up with a bid for \$366, estimating 20 people, sliders and one free drink, third floor of Thin Man on 11/12/19 from 6pm-8pm.
- No motion needed to approve the event per last meeting's minutes, so Chris all set to go ahead and make plans with Paul for payment.

Public Service Recognition Week 2020:

- There is nothing specific to announce with Buffalo State on that. PSRW was on the agenda in case anyone wants to take a leadership role for ASPA for PSRW.

Other Events:

- We should hit our minimum four events, have the opportunity and time to go for a fifth - (Happy Hour in March, possibly).

Great Lakes Journal Update:

- Brian Poliner has an update. He e-mailed Brian Bray - Bray will get updated and e-mail it to the Board.

New Business:

- Rosaleen Nagle was in the PA Times, in Profiles of Excellence. Great job! ☺

Motion to adjourned. Seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

Next meeting date: TBD - Bray will send out a poll to pick next meeting date.