

ASPA Meeting Minutes

Meeting started: 5:45 p.m.

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

Motion to approve January 22, 2020 agenda. Seconded.

We are tabling to approve the minutes from 9/17/19 since they are not furnished yet due to the Secretary slacking. 😊 Sorry about that!

President:

- It's been a while since our last meeting, and our first meeting in 2020.
- We had a great turnout for the Civil Service Savvy event in November 2019, and a great networking event in December 2019 with the Thing from the Future.
- Chris recapped the Thing from the Future game for us and what the results were.

Communications Officer:

- One update was made to the ASPA website – uploaded pictures and slides from the Civil Service Savvy event.
- Once we start planning ASPA events again, Tony will post the announcement on our website.
- He'll also post when our annual meeting is on our website, and hopefully get new MPAs added to our membership, as well.
- Tony is always open to suggestions for posting new information on the ASPA website, such as helpful job-finding links.

Membership Officer:

Not present.

Secretary:

Nothing new to report.

New Business

Public Service Recognition Week:

- The date is April 18, 2020
- Brian Bray and Brian Poliner participated on a discussion board last year for PSRW, took over one of four workshops.
- PSRW is one of our required annual events as the ASPA Board.
- Brian Bray will forward information to the Board about participating in a panel.
- Tony will take the lead on getting a discussion panel together for PSRW.

Spring Networking Event:

- A suggested date was March 5, 2020 at Rusty Nickel's taproom (parking is free after 5).
- As we did for our Cole's networking event last year, having a speaker, such as an elected official, to honor and recognize public service would likely increase participation.
- It was suggested to advertise for our networking events by reaching out to Buffalo State/Hilbert College, through social media and e-mailing our distribution list.
- We should get a list together for elected officials and/or representatives from professional organizations to invite to our networking events.
- We should contact Dr. Ceesay to send out an e-mail to public administration group at Buffalo State; same with Hilbert College.
- We should also reach out to a young professionals' network, e.g. Buffalo/Niagara Partnership 360 and send letters to public sector unions.

Motion to approve spring networking event of March 5, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. Approved.

Annual meeting:

- The date will be sometime in June (to be in June because of the fiscal year starting on July 1st).
- It was suggested that the Board should present awards to our ASPA membership, as such as:
 - Public Servant of the Year
 - Non-for-Profit of the Year
 - Outstanding Public Administrator
 - Outstanding Nonprofit Administrator
 - Public Administration Educator of the Year
 - Rising Star
 - Distinguished Service
 - Young Professional (35 and under)
 - Chapter Service
- Roseleen will create a peer-reviewed draft for criteria of winning an award.
- We would present small/plaque trophies.
- Tony will issue some type of press release for the awards.

Great Lakes Journal:

Brian Bray will get in contact with Brian Poliner to inquire if there are any new updates.

Resignation of ASPA Treasurer:

Motion to approve Paul Shore's resignation as ASPA Treasurer. Approved.

Ken Stone volunteers to be the new Treasurer.

Motion to approve Ken Stone as Treasurer. Approved.

Next meeting date: The week of February 17, 2020. Exact date TBD.

Motion to adjourn. Approved.

Meeting ended: 6:26 p.m.