

## ASPA Meeting Minutes – July 21, 2020

(This meeting was held via Zoom videoconference.)

**Present:** Tony Astran, Brian Bray, Ken Stone, Marisa Nold, Brian Poliner, Makenzie Docteur, Raymond Wagner, Rosaleen Nogle

**Meeting began:** 5:35 p.m. We have a quorum.

Motion to approve the meeting agenda. Seconded.

Amendment to 6/17/20 minutes: “McFoy” has no “e” at the end.

Motion to approve the 6/17/20 minutes. Seconded.

### **Officer Reports –**

#### **President:**

- The goal of this meeting is to begin planning and discuss our strategies for next year.
- Tony is glad to have the opportunity to serve as our ASPA 2020-2021 president. 😊

#### **Communications Officer:**

- There is not too much of a report, but Tony will update our website to reflect the awardees for our ASPA awards at our annual meeting and will publish the 6/17/2020 Board meeting minutes.
- There will be an announcement on our ASPA website about the ASPA National Conference going virtually.
- Our 6/17 annual meeting Zoom recording will also become available on our website so prospective members can view that meeting.

#### **Treasurer:**

- We have the same amount of money in our checking as last month of \$846.36.
- Ken has confirmed with Karen Garrett of ASPA National that our 2019 \$350 chapter rebate is on its way.
- We should have that chapter rebate deposited into our account within the next two weeks.
- We also have one outstanding check.

#### **Membership Officer:**

- With a membership opportunity like Public Service Recognition Week being canceled, our membership list has dropped to approximately 30 members.
- Hilbert College is opening up and going back on campus as of September 5<sup>th</sup> – we have a strong cohort coming in as part of orientation for their graduate program.

- There is a plan to offer institutional money to help with membership fees for prospective members (Institution will pay \$25, and students will cover the other \$25.)
- However, with the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, unfortunately we are all in a posture to wait until September to see what happens with Hilbert and Buffalo State.

#### **Secretary:**

- The 6/17/20 annual meeting minutes have been uploaded to Dropbox and e-mailed to the Board.

#### **Unfinished Business:**

##### **Annual Meeting and Chapter Awards:**

- It was very well organized and ran smoothly even with how untraditional it was with our small awards submissions and conducting the meeting via Zoom.
- A big thank you to Rosaleen for coordinating the awards for the meeting! ☺
- We also had a few prospective members attend the annual meeting.

##### **Great Lakes PA Journal Update:**

- Brian is waiting to hear back from Laurie Buonanno.
- Brian will work with Laurie to see if there can be collaboration between Hilbert and Buffalo State to have some type of rollout or template of a journal.
- Hilbert has a new Center for Social Justice with Dr. Marty Floss heading it, directed towards research and issues affecting the community.
- It is envisioned that there will be some type of launch in the fall.

#### **New Business:**

##### **Open Board Member Position:**

- Per the bylaws, Tony or the Board could appoint a new member.
- An officer can also serve as a Board member; however there is a consensus to bring in a new member.
- Tony will send out an e-mail to alert current or prospective members of this open position.

##### **Discussion of Mini-Goals and/or Positive Changes or Activities:**

- To work more closely with Brian Poliner and local colleges and see that membership ranks can be in 40s as opposed to 30s. (Tony)
- To work more intricately with young professional organizations. (Marisa)

- To think about diversity and a more diverse population, and how to make that happen and become a bridge between community organization and civil service. (Rosaleen)
- To improve membership, especially at Public Service Recognition Week (PSRW), and to push more for commitment from prospective members. (Ray)
- To push more advocacy from the Buffalo/Niagara Chapter, to become more aware of where we're pushing for improvements from government and non-profit membership, and to push local government and management more. (Brian Bray)
- To learn more from a public administration/public health perspective about the COVID-19 challenges and the solutions/lessons learned that have come from it. (Ken)
- Using her current position, to improve membership from the graduate program at Hilbert/Buffalo State. (Makenzie)
- To recognize the disconnect between the Hilbert/Buffalo state graduate program and our Buffalo/Niagara (B/N) Chapter and focus in on the word "service" and become more involved with our community by volunteering and having directors of volunteer organizations coming in and discussing what public administration means to them. (Brian Poliner)
- To hold a virtual meeting and invite the practitioners of different levels of government to come in and discuss and share experiences of lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic. (Chris Marcello)

### **Celebrating Good News Discussion**

Motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded.

Meeting ended: 6:37 p.m.

**Next meeting:** August 18, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom