

## **Hampton Roads Chapter of ASPA**

September 18, 2014

Council Meeting

**Call To Order:** President Valerie Walker called the meeting to order following the membership meeting luncheon and thanked President Elect, Carlton Ransom for his role in making it a successful luncheon. She also thanked everyone for attending the luncheon and the meeting after the luncheon.

### **Present:**

Officers: President: Valerie Walker, President-Elect: Carlton Ransom,

Treasurer: Michelle San Anton

Council: Jerry Hoddinott, Allyzabethe Ramsey, Charlie Mills, Mechelle Smith and

Student Rep: Malcolm Jones

Past President: Susan Perry

### **Welcome**

Ms. Walker introduced Council member Mechelle Smith and Student representative Nicole Benson.

There was some miscommunication regarding Malcolm Jones' position as student representative. A vote for co-student reps was suggested. Carlton Ransom, made a motion for Malcolm Jones to serve as a co-Student Rep and Jerry Hoddinott seconded the motion. All were in favor for co-student representatives; however, Nicole Benson indicated that this is her last semester of school and she would not be able to effectively serve as a student representative and withdrew her name.

Malcolm Jones is a graduate of Norfolk State University with a degree in Political Science and he is currently seeking a Masters Public Administration from Regent University. He is considering the Officers program following pursuit of his masters. He is a Philadelphia Eagles fan.

### **Attendance at Luncheons**

Council is encouraged to attend membership luncheons. There were 25 people in attendance, at this luncheon, which included our speaker Mr. William Harrell and his guest, Gene Cavasos. Ms. Walker will work on sending out "save the date flyers" a month in advance, for future events. Ms. Walker would like the marketing committee to send an additional flyer out, two weeks prior to the next event.

### **Next Luncheon Meetings**

Our next event will be held on November 20. Carlton Ransom will continue to identify alternative venues. Ms. Robin McCormick, Communication Strategist with the City of Hampton will serve as our guest speaker.

We will continue to seek venues that are central and accessible to chapter members.

**Holiday Party**

Susan Perry provided an update on the Joint Holiday Event with the Conference of Minority Public Administrators and the National Forum for Black Public Administrators.

The holiday party will be held on the evening of December 4<sup>th</sup>.

Carlton Ransom thought it would be nice to have members from each chapter bring a gift and find an organization to donate them too.

There was a recommendation to work on a budget for the holiday party

**Treasure's report**

\$800 checking and \$4000 in savings.

**2015 ASPA National Conference Registration**

The national conference will be held in March 2015 in Chicago. There was discussion on whether; Ms. Walker should attend the conference. The discussion will continue at the next meeting.

**Report from September Mid-Year Teleconference**

Ms. Walker reported that she did listen in, by telephone, on the Chapters session. She noted that most chapters are experiencing a decrease in membership and that they all are looking for ways to increase membership. She also noted that the national office is attempting to have more communication with the chapters and offered to help the chapters in any way possible.

**New Businesses**

Malcolm Jones, Student Representative will work on a Facebook page.