



Hampton Roads Chapter of ASPA

August 14, 2015
Council Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 9:30am by the president.

Present: Carlton Ray Ransom (President), Charlie Mills (President-elect), David Chapman (Web Administrator), John Dunning (Secretary), Pam Dunning (Past-president), Jerry Hoddinot (Council), Betty Meyer (Council/Membership Chair), Susan Perry (Marketing Chair), Kylie Robbins (Council), Mechelle Smith (Council), Valerie Walker (Past-president), Steve Wright (Council).

Unable to attend: Michelle San Anton (Treasurer), Malcolm Jones (Student Representative), Stanley Skinner (Council)

Welcome: Ray Ransom welcomed the new council members Kylie Robbins and Steve Wright.

Minutes: The electronic minutes from the July 19-28, 2015 meeting that reappointed the officers (Secretary, Treasurer, Web Administrator, Marketing Chair, Membership Chair, and the two Council positions) were approved.

Chapter Vision/Theme for the 2015-2016 Program Year: Ray Ransom recommended we consider a theme that deals with millennials. Other suggestions dealt with public services through private delivery, diversity, and a call to serve. After considerable discussion the council decided on "A Call to Serve: Engaging in Public Service."

Council and Chair Appointments: After some discussion the following nominations were made and approved:

- Kaitlyn Bennett - Co-chair, Membership Committee
- Kelly Doolan – Co-chair, Marketing Committee
- Steve Wright (Council) and David Heitzenroeder as Co-chairs of the Student Forum Committee (*see discussion under Student Forum*)
- Andy Williams Council Position (1 year appointment)
- Jeff Waechter – Council Position (1 year appointment)

John Dunning stated that three other chapter members indicated a desire to serve and emails have been sent to identify their interest as relates to committees. The members are Luz Grant, David Sweet and Clarissa Ernst.

Honoring Jim Spore, City Manager, Virginia Beach: Jim Spore will be retiring in December. Because of his long and important service to the City of Virginia Beach, the Hampton Roads area and his support of the chapter, the council would like to have an event or meeting that will honor him. The council discussed options for venue and time – whether it should be a chapter event, a joint ASPA-NFBPA-COMPA event, or some other arrangement. It was decided that in

would be best to use the November 19th scheduled HR ASPA chapter meeting date. We will ask him to speak on his call to serve and also see if we could ask an intern to also speak on their call to serve. This would be a “book-end” approach. Charlie Mills will make the logistic arrangements and Susan Perry will contact Jim Spore to see if he is available.

Student Forum: Steve Wright expressed an interest in examining the options that are available. He will work with David Heitzenroeder and Malcolm Jones to explore ideas. This has been a difficult program to get established. Last year we did not have a forum or student event. John Dunning will go through the archives and forward the information on past forums to the committee members. Steve mentioned that October would be too early.

Scholarship Fair: The chapter agreed to participate in the Scholarship Sharing Fair on Saturday September 26 and Sunday September 27, 2015 from 12-5 pm each day, It will be held at the Tidewater Community College Student Center located at 1428 Cedar Road, Chesapeake, VA 23322. The event will be open to all high school, undergraduate, and graduate students. The fair will provide information on scholarship opportunities for students to finance an education at any community college, or university of their choice. Our chapter will have a table at the event. Valerie Walker will organize the sign-up sheet to staff the table. So far Betty Meyer, Ray Ransom and Stanley Skinner volunteered to work. More members are needed.

Committee Reports: No committee reports were submitted.

Treasurer’s Report: Ray Ransom will contact Michelle San Anton to get a copy of the report and distribute it to the council.

September 18th Chapter Meeting: The general consensus was that our first meeting of the year should be on our theme, “A Call to Serve – Engaging in Public Service.” Pam Dunning recommended that we contact Neil Morgan, the former city manager of Newport News, who was just hired as the York County Administrator. Pam will contact him to determine his interest and availability. (*Added Pam Dunning contacted Neil Morgan immediately following the meeting. He said that he would be delighted to speak; however, every third Thursday is the HRPDC meeting in Chesapeake. There is talk that next week they may change the schedule so that they don’t have to be there through the lunch hour and he would be available to be at our meeting. He will confirm on August 28th.*)

Additional New Business: Jerry Hoddinott asked if we should be sending someone from the chapter to the annual ASPA conference. The 2016 conference will be in Seattle, WA, March 18-22. Steve Wright mentioned that was presenting this year at SECOPA (Charleston, SC – Sep 30 – Oct 3). Jerry recommended that we include conference information in our newsletter. No further discussion. (*Added: The estimated cost to the chapter of sending a representative, based on the 2015 Conference, would be - Registration \$639, Room \$820, Air Fare \$500 = \$1959.*)

Adjournment: There being no further business, the president adjourned the meeting at 10:59am.

Recorded by John Dunning, Chapter Secretary