



## Hampton Roads Chapter of ASPA

### Council Meeting Minutes August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016

**The teleconference meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm by the Charlie Mills, President**

**Present:** Charlie Mills (President), Betty Meyer (President Elect), Michelle SanAnton (Treasurer), David Chapman (Web Administrator), John Dunning (Secretary), David Sweet (Student Representative), Valerie Walker (Past-president), Kylie Robbins (Council), Jerry Hoddinot (Council), Kelly Doolan (Council), Kaitlyn Bennett James (Council)

**Unable to attend:** Jeffery (Jeff) Waechter (Council), Stanley Skinner (Council), and Celeste Green (Council) .

**Minutes:** The minutes from the March 31, 2016 meeting were approved without change.

**Treasurer's Report:** The report will be emailed to the Council

Charlie Mills stated that the primary purpose of this meeting was to select a theme for the coming year, set up the program for the Sep 15<sup>th</sup> meeting and to appoint committee chairs/co-chairs.

**Selection of a Theme:** Several themes were discussed as a continuation of the 2015-2016 program year theme of "The Call to Serve." The discussion included a focus on the impact of the millennial generation, topics covered in recent PA Times articles, ways to grow chapter membership, and a holistic approach to public service. The decision was made to borrow from a PA Times "A New Way to Look at Government" (<http://patimes.org/government> ). Selection of this theme would enable us to include topics relating to impact of millennials, innovative practices, and remaking the digital experiences that citizens and businesses have with their government.

**Program and Speaker for September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Meeting:** Following this theme, Betty Meyer suggested that the chapter membership and other cities could benefit from the experiences gained from the Norfolk Emerging Leaders (NEL) program. This program provides educational employment opportunities to Norfolk young adults. NEL participants not only gain valuable work experience, but also take part in work readiness and financial planning workshops, network with city employees, and participate in workshops with community leaders. Betty will contact the program director and ask her to speak. (**added:** Betty confirmed that Trista Fayton agreed to present at the Sep meeting)

**September Meeting Location:** The plan is to hold the meeting at the Holiday Inn Express, Norfolk Airport, but the concern expressed is that quality of the lunches has significantly

decreased over the past year while the prices have increased. Because of the centrality of the location Charlie Mills agreed to talk with the hotel, expressing our concerns. We will give this one more “try” for the September meeting. If improvements are not noted we will look for another venue.

**Committee Chairs:**

**Student Forum:** David Sweet volunteered to chair or co-chair this committee. Charlie Mills said he emailed David Heitzenroeder to explore his interest in serving on the committee.

**Membership Committee:** Kaitlin Bennett James and Jerry Hoddinott agreed to co-chair.

**Marketing Committee:** Kelly Doolan agreed to chair. We will supplement this committee with representatives from each of the cities

**Secretary:** John Dunning stated that he would like to find a replacement to allow a newer member to work into chapter leadership.

**New Business:**

August Newsletter: John Dunning agreed to prepare an August newsletter to introduce the new chapter leadership and theme for the program year. He will send out an email asking all for a photo and one paragraph biography to include in the newsletter. He will also send out an email to the chapter membership asking for volunteers to serve on the committees.

ASPA Chapter and Section Leaders Meeting – Mellissa Jun (ASPA Representative) sent out a save the date email for Saturday morning, September 10, 2016. For those unable to attend in person, a remote attendance option will be available. Additional details will follow.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 pm.