

**Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Planning Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Friday, June 10, 2016
Centre Region COG, 2643 Gateway Drive, State College PA 16801**

In Attendance:

James Cowhey, AICP, *President*
Amy McKinney, *Vice President* (left at 1:30 p.m.)
Leah Eppinger, AICP, *Secretary*
Andrew Hartwell, AICP (left at 12:45 p.m.)
Jack Lynch (arrived at 11:30 a.m.), *Northwest Section*
Kayla Martinez, *Student Rep* (arrived at 11:30 a.m.)
Pam Shellenberger, AICP, *Central Section*

Erica Ehly, AICP, *Central Section* (non-voting)

Stan Lembeck, *PMPEI* (non-voting)
Victor Rodite, non-voting
Susan Shermer, non-voting
Kim Gusic, non-voting

Via Conference Call:

Brian O'Leary, AICP, *Past President*
Bill Campbell, *Southwest Section*
Richard Hoch, AICP, *Education Chair*
Susan Elks, AICP, *PDO*

MINUTES

1. The Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 11:08 a.m. EDT. This Board meeting is dedicated to the memory of Irv Hand.
2. Opening Board Member Presentation by Amy McKinney discussed the Greenways/Master Site Plan in her county.
3. Minutes: A motion was made by Amy McKinney to approve the Board meeting minutes from April 27, 2016; there was a second from Pam Shellenberger. The motion passed.
4. Financial Statements: Susan Shermer reviewed financial statements as of May 31, 2016.
5. Chapter President Items
 - a. Strategic Plan
2015-2018 Strategic Plan: James Cowhey shared a brief update on the ongoing implementation of the Strategic Plan.
 - Education – Rick Hoch is becoming active again as the Chair.
 - Communications – Chair Amy Evans could use some members. Brian O'Leary will join this committee.
 - Legislative – there are vacant seats at DCED. Brian Traylor has resigned as committee chair.
 - b. Medical Marijuana – has become a topic of interest
Becky Bradley is preparing a 4-5 pages statement for the County Planning Directors. County Directors and the Chapter could partner to come up with a statement. Leah Eppinger mentioned that Tri-County RPC has model ordinance (which is a collaboration pulled from other states). James Cowhey will continue to follow-up. There is a statewide conference in July; James Cowhey may be attending.
 - c. Shale Energy Committee Report - this committee has over 33 members. The committee work is completed. The Chapter needs to form and appoint a new Policy committee. The State Planning Board chapter members had a conference call. James Cowhey, Dennis Auker and Denny Puko were also on the call. James Cowhey expressed hope in trying to reinvigorate the State Planning Board. However, members on the call were not optimistic. MAP is in need of more funding. Subsequent to the call, Ron Bailey resigned from the State Planning Board. A motion was made by Jack Lynch to approve the Shale Energy Committee Report; there was a

second from Leah Eppinger. The motion passed. James Cowhey will talk to Dennis Auker about implementing a policy committee.

- d. Student Representative: A motion was made by Amy McKinney to appoint Kayla Martinez as the Chapter student representative; there was a second by Leah Eppinger. The motion passed.
6. New Business:
 - a. Legislative Committee: A motion was made by Jack Lynch to appoint Erica Ehly as the new Legislative Committee Chair; a second was made by Amy McKinney. The motion passed. Shale committee members may be interesting in joining the Legislative Committee.
 - b. Education Committee: Rich Hoch, Susan Elks, and Kayla Martinez will work together to re-energize the committee
7. Ongoing Business
 - a. Kim Gusic provided a brief update on the 2016 Conference in Allentown. Fundraising for the conference is lagging. Kim will send a current list of sponsors, exhibitors and advertisers to Board members. Any help with fundraising would be appreciated.
 - b. APA Conference in Pennsylvania – Next opportunity for the national conference to be held in PA would be 2023.
8. COMMITTEE & SECTION REPORTS: Reports were emailed to the Board.
 - a. Sections: Nothing additional to report
 - b. Communications: Nothing additional to report
 - c. PODO: Nothing additional to report
 - d. PDO
 - Susan Elks clarified how to self-report pro-bono activity for CM credit. Information is also available on APA's website.
 - e. Education Committee: Nothing additional to report
 - f. PMPEI
 - Stan Lembeck shared an update with the Board on PMPEI.
 - g. Great Places
 - Pam Shellenberger shared an update on the Great Places Initiative. Great Places should be decided by June 21st.

Jack Lynch is going to look into a legislative group we may be interested in, organized by Rep. Robert Freeman.

The meeting adjourned at 1:42 p.m. EDT. We took a lunch break during the meeting from 12:15 until 12:45 p.m.

Minutes taken by:



Kim Gusic

Minutes reviewed by:



Leah Eppinger