American Planning Association Idaho Chapter

APA Idaho Executive Board

Minutes for March 13, 2014

[ ]  Daren Fluke, President

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[ ]  Lisa Ailport, Region 1

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[x]  Mathew Lewis, Region 5

[x]  Brad Cramer, Region 6

[ ]  Brad Clark, L&PA

[ ]  Maureen Gresham, E&O

[x]  Diane Kushlan, PDO

[x]  Bob Arleth, P&Z Representative

[x]  Aaron Mondada, Student Rep

Joel called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm. Roll call was taken; a quorum was present.

Don made a motion to approve the minutes from January 9, and February 13, 2014. Mike seconded; the motion carried.

Renee covered the previously emailed Treasurer’s report and bills to be ratified.

Don and Diane provided a brief update about the 2014 Idaho APA Annual Conference, “Building Partnerships”. Forty hotel rooms have been blocked and reserved at the Safari Inn for conference attendees.

Diane provided an update on the 2014 Spring Mini Conference. An email announcing the event was sent to the membership. The registration information is live on our web site. All speakers are lined up, and confirmed. We are approved as a CM provider, so continuing education credits will be available for our sessions.

The written proposal for partnering with Idaho Rural Partnership was tabled until the April meeting.

Aaron explained that due to conflicting schedules, the idea that he and Maureen came up with to survey practitioners concerning a variety of planning issues will be put on hold for a couple of months.

Joel gave an update to some of the planning related bills. There are not a lot of new developments at this point.

Progress on the work plan implementation was covered. Joel and Mike are working together to set up a meeting in region 2 to determine how to best spend their education budget.

Becoming a CM provider was one of the items in the work plan, which we have now completed.

Mary gave a brief update to the web site improvement task. There was very little interest from the membership in serving on a committee to work on this. We may ask Jaap Vos if he would be interested in partnering with us on this. Mike Ray volunteered to help on the committee. This item was tabled until the April meeting.

Brad Cramer asked the other region reps for any advice about getting more participation in region meetings. Some ideas included providing incentives to attend, considering time and day of meeting, including Planning Commissioners, and possibly providing the opportunity to view the APA webinars.

Mike has been involved in the Inland Empire conference and thought it would be a good idea to get something posted to our web site.

Joel asked the Board if they had an opportunity to review APA National’s proposed policies. APA National is seeking input from its Chapters. Joel would like the Chapter to provide comments and asked the Board to review and submit comments to Daren to compile and submit.

Don asked for any comments from the Board on the draft award categories and descriptions that were previously emailed to the Board. Diane asked questions regarding details of the application process. The Award Improvement Committee had discussed these same questions and will be working on making better guidelines.

The meeting adjourned at 12:55 pm.

*Respectfully submitted by Mary Huff, Secretary.*