American Planning Association Idaho Chapter

APA Idaho Executive Board

Minutes for April 13, 2016

[x]  Daren Fluke, President

[x]  Sabrina Minshall, Vice President

[x]  Mary Huff, Secretary

[ ]  Jeff Lowe, Treasurer

[x]  Aaron Qualls, Region 1

[ ]  Mike Ray, Region 2

[x]  Megan Leatherman, Region 3

[x]  Jae Hill, Region 4

[x]  Sherwin Racehorse, Region 5

[x]  Jason Boal, Region 6

[x]  Brian Billingsley, L&PA

[x]  Maureen Gresham, E&O

[x]  Diane Kushlan, PDO

[ ]  Jon Ingalls, P&Z Rep

[x]  Brock Cherry, Student Rep

Daren called the meeting to order; roll call was taken; a quorum was present.

Daren turned the meeting over to Sabrina to chair since he would be leaving the meeting at 2:00.

Brian moved to approve the February minutes with Jeff’s suggested revisions. Maureen seconded; the motion carried. Jason moved to approve the February minutes with Sherwin’s suggested revision. Brock seconded; the motion carried.

The Treasure’s report and expenses were tabled until the April meeting since the Treasurer was absent due to illness.

Meg provided the Board with an update on the “Bridging Tradition and Innovation through Planning” 2016 conference planning. The conference logo has been finalized and a Save the Date announcement was emailed to the membership. Options for keynote speakers are being explored and contacted for prices and availability.

The proposed Western Planner conference was discussed. Jason suggested contacting other state chapters to ask them about how the process went for them. Jae said he would be happy to make those contacts. Sherwin and possibly Brock said they would assist with that effort. The Board would like to figure out if a joint conference could be profitable given the amount of time and effort that would be necessary. Mary informed the group that she will not be seeking re-election as the secretary and would be resigning as the Western Planner Representative for Idaho, so any future planning for such a conference would need to be assigned to another Board member.

Brian discussed the urban renewal legislation. There was a draft bill approved in February. When it went to the committee for printing, many changes were made. The interim committee requested a follow up meeting to discuss the changes. This bill is being watched very closely, Brian is unsure that there is enough time left in the session to get this through. The committee recommends that APA Idaho oppose Bill 572. Brian moved to oppose House Bill 572 if it reaches the senate. Jae Hill seconded; the motion carried.

The Board moved in to a work session in the afternoon to discuss increasing and retaining membership, membership communication options and strategies, leadership development succession, and development of a planner’s tool kit. Notes and action items from the work session will be sent to the board in a separate document.

Meg would like to get a social mixer scheduled for her region. She hopes to have that done before the October Conference.

Jae continues to meet with the Wood River Valley planners. He has also been attending the Southern Idaho Regional Planning and Zoning Administrators and Directors group and has ideas for connecting with members in other parts of his region.

Sherwin has been putting a list together of members in his region and will hold a meet and greet in the near future. Sherwin will be going to the APA National conference. He has organized a Tribal Planning round table meeting and invites everyone to attend.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.

*Respectfully submitted by Mary Huff – Secretary*