American Planning Association Idaho Chapter

APA Idaho Executive Board

Minutes for July 10, 2014

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[x]  Brad Clark, L&PA

[x]  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.

Brad Clark moved to approve the June 18th minutes. Joel seconded; the motion carried.

The Treasurer’s report was tabled until the August meeting

Don provided an update to the 2014 conference planning. The keynote speaker will be Joseph Tovar, a private consultant from the Seattle area. He is a prior Planning Director from the Kirkland and Shoreline Washington areas. Alex Stone from Park Service, and Karen Wolf, Region V AICP representative are also scheduled to speak. Boise Mayor Bieter will be speaking at lunch on Thursday.

Don has set up an APA Webinar on Wednesday afternoon that will be free to all who attend. COMPASS is purchasing the webinar package and will be a sponsor of that conference session. The conference committee is continuing to work on setting up mobile tours.

The awards ceremony will be held Wednesday night in conjunction with the opening reception. The opening reception will be held at the new Zion’s Building located at 8th and Main. The awards ceremony will be combined with the welcome reception. Diane had concerns about the cost of holding the reception and awards ceremony at Zion’s Bank. The additional cost may necessitate an increase in conference registration. Registration was $195.00 last year. Diane will follow up with Anna Canning to see if she was able get the room at Zion’s donated to us. She will also get in touch with Renee to get the latest revised budget in order to try to determine how much of an increase we would need to implement.

Maureen updated the Board about her participation in the Idaho Rural Partnership. They had a round table introduction session. She explained Idaho APA to them and told them about our upcoming conference. There was some interest from other members in proposing a session. They will be sending a team to Arco, and they would like some assistance for this trip. Jeff Sayer opened the meeting and informed the group that Department of Commerce may not participate in the community reviews as it is currently operating. He also could not guarantee any staff for the Idaho Rural Partnership teams. If it was restructured to make the rural partnership an Advisory committee to Department of Commerce, then they may be able to assist. Department of Commerce is committed to rural communities. Mike Field is the Executive Director, and believed it would be best to stay partnered with Department of Commerce.

Brad Clark updated the Board on the County Planning Director’s group proposed by Michelle Fuson. She had sent an email to all of the counties and received responses from 32. Almost all are in favor of having a group just for county planning directors. Michelle had envisioned this group to have a legislative policy focus. The Board would like to work with her to facilitate such a group. Brad Clark will let Michelle know about our discussion and will continue to work with her.

Lisa is lining up a law and ethics session in her region. She is looking at early August or September.

Joel updated the Board on the 2014 nominating committee. The Committee consists of Joel, Mike Ray, Shawn Holm, Jerom Wagner, and Ron Folsom. The region representatives are contacting members in their region to try to get more candidates.

Don discussed the APA National webinar series. Don is proposing to the director of COMPASS that they purchase option #4 which includes 14 different offerings. If we partner with COMPASS, it would cost us about $500.00. However, each session could only be replayed only one time. Joel asked Maureen and Diane to look at the series compared with other options such as Urban Land Institute, Idaho Smart Growth, Community Builders etc., and make a suggestion about the best way to move forward. This item will be added to the August agenda.

Mary will have the student membership resolution drafted for the August meeting for approval by the board to be included on the 2014 ballot.

Maureen moved to adjourn. Brad seconded; the motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 pm.

*Respectfully submitted by Mary Huff – Secretary*