



**September 2022 APA RI Board Meeting  
September 16, 2022**

In attendance: Jeff Davis, Stacy Wasserman, Bob Rulli, Jane Weidman, Roberta Groch, Kellie King, Glenn Modica, Jay Parker, Jillian Finkle

Meeting called to order at 4:03 PM.

Roberta moved and Glenn seconded to approve the August minutes. Jane abstained. All approved.

Next meeting is October 21, 2022.

Legislative Committee.

A wrap up meeting was held September 6th. The committee will meet monthly moving forward. There are around two dozen members.

One bill from last session that seemed problematic was the accessory dwelling bill. Jane will attempt to canvass all municipal planners to see how they will respond to the bill. Believes intent is to open up alternate housing opportunities to people. Not interpreting as mandatory, but opening it up to anyone who wants to create one. Some concern that legislature may interpret it that way.

Smaller subset of the committee that writes and reviews testimony. Still need more of a presence at the state house.

Land Use Commission

Some concerns around how this is functioning. Commission has been meeting for several months with different subject matter speakers. Chair Thom Deller has asked people to join working groups: Comprehensive Plan, Zoning, Subdivision, and Housing. Individual working groups aimed at coming up with the issues generated through these meetings. Concern is staff has not summarized any of the information speakers have provided, allowing for a larger discussion on the larger agreed upon issues. Following working groups will be a drafting committee to create amendments to legislation for the 2023 session. Shekarchi has hired an attorney to do the drafting.

Legislative committee is working on response to this with ED of RI League of Cities and Towns.

Joint meeting with the LMI Commission at 1pm on Tuesday.

Bob Rulli is interested in being more involved with the committee.

SNEAPA - 20 days away!

191 registrants.

Still looking for sponsors, but has been relatively quiet.  
Going back and forth with ironing out some details, but planning is progressing nicely.  
MA and CT Chapters are interested in having their own tables. We do not feel a RI table is needed, nor will we have the time or people to staff it. Have strong membership numbers and do not think it's a priority right now.

Thursday party is at the Skyline at Providence. 74 tickets sold so far.

#### Treasurer's Report

Budget process is moving along at a good speed.  
Big infusion of cash through SNEAPA. \$47,000 in account. Will owe convention center \$55,000  
- biggest expense coming up.

#### Program and Events

Starting to think about the awards night. Guild in Warren may be an option. Looking to get back to January.  
Great August book club meeting, looking at November for the next meeting. May be reading Happy City.

Grow Smart RI received some money to do mainstreet walking tours. If there's a specific topic people are in, Jillian is open to suggestions. Will want to share information with APA RI members.

#### Awards Committee

Bob Rulli has agreed to serve as chair! Teresa Cream and Erica from Union Studios are also willing to serve on the committee.

Aiming to get word out in the next few weeks with a November deadline.

#### DBR Working Group

Application streamlining – digital process consistent throughout all municipalities in the state. There's a platform some municipalities are using.  
Issue will largely be that each town has different procedures and requirements for plan review. Speaker believes end result will be uniformity but will be challenging.  
DBR wants this done by January 2023  
Meeting every 2 weeks, next meeting September 29th at 12pm at 560 Jefferson Blvd (public meetings)

#### DEI Committee

Took break over summer, meetings starting up this fall. Reach out to Jeff or Annette Bourne if you'd like to be involved.

### Membership

At 212 members. All September logs are updated in mail chimp. Still unclear why it's taking 4 months to get membership logs.

RI charges the lowest chapter only membership in the country. Do we want to consider raising this?

### Annual Meeting

How do we want to structure?

Do we want breakout groups? Or just general Q&A?

Opinion that we should not ask people to do work at the meeting. Present and vote on the budget and do Q&A.

*Submitted by:*

Stacy Wasserman, Secretary