



APA RI
August 19, 2022 Board Meeting

In attendance: Ashley Sweet, Stacy Wasserman, Jeff Davis, Glenn Modica, Jillian Finkle, Mike Deluca, Kellie King, Jay Parker

June meeting minutes - Glenn Modica moved to approve; Jeff Davis seconded. All approved. Mike Deluca and Stacy Wasserman abstained as they were not at the meeting.

Sept 16 - next meeting

Treasurer's report:

May - \$41,000 - checking. Now paying a lot of SNEAPA expenses, we are down to \$12K, will be close to \$5K after recent check to hotel. Discussion around reaching out to MA and CT to send us their payments for these expenses, as they are drawing down our bank accounts. Glenn to reach out to Jim Riordan to see how this has worked in the past.

Ashley to send Glenn guidelines she has about disbursements, unsure if it is the most recent. Savings is \$8,000.

SNEAPA Committee starting to meet weekly now. Registration may open next week. Call for sponsors is out. Need to finalize sessions and get blurbs and other odds and ends. Roberta working to get menu at conference finalized. Hotel is Courtyard Marriott. Will reduce down from 5 to 4 concurrent sessions in each timeslot. Have reserved all the big rooms on the 5th floor, to allow for distancing, if desired by participants.

Starting contract for SNEAPA reception, Jillian starting to work on menu.

Summer social was most lightly attended in recent years. 14 RSVPed, only 7 attended. For next summer, consider being closer to the water. Perhaps Iggy's.

Recently had book club at Narragansett Brewery.

Grow Smart RI has received some money to do mainstreet walking tours. Possibility of doing something jointly with APA RI - Jillian will reach out to Ashley to see about doing something.

DEI Update - had 4th fair housing discussion at the end of July. Small turnout, but good discussion. Would like to put together a survey of all members to see what fair housing issues they want prioritized in the coming year or two. Roberta, Annette and Jeff working on a way to poll members that isn't too onerous.

Membership update – Going well since mailchimp was updated with the most up to date membership logs. Haven't gotten an updated national membership log since May. Narragansett

and West Greenwich planning boards indicated they want to renew membership. Ashley to reach out to National to see why we're not receiving membership updates more frequently.

Legislative update - Maria and Jane working on a legislative plan for their next meeting. One will be conducting legal analysis of relevant bills passed, and coming up with plan to better educate legislators and public officials. At the last land use commission, Josh Saal (new Housing Secretary) said he is interested in meeting with planners. Next land use commission meeting is still TBD. Staff has asked commissioners how frequently they think they need to meet, and possibly changing it from Tuesday as low mod commission meets on that date, and there is crossover between some committee members. Maria will share an updated schedule when determined.

Still planning to do a legislative wrap up for members.

Need to start thinking about awards. We are a little behind - normally have a committee by July, with award categories set up. Unsure if Josh will chair that committee again.

Jeff motioned to adjourn, Mike Deluca seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned 4:38pm.

Submitted by:

Stacy Wasserman, Secretary