

January 19, 2024

APA RI Board Meeting

In attendance: Roberta Groch, Stacy Wasserman, Herb Durfee, Rachel Seksky, Sue Mara, MJ Bull, Glenn Modica, Ashley Sweet, Jane Weidman, Maria Mack, Jay Parker

September board meeting minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report - None this month.

Membership Update - Since November board meeting, Warwick and Charlestown Planning Boards became members.

- Congrats to Glenn Modica on passing the AICP exam!

Awards Committee - Deadline was extended to January 12th. Have a fair number of nominations and committee will be meeting soon to review and will then share decisions with the Board.

Annual Workplan - Everyone needs to review their areas, what was accomplished, and what needs to be carried over. Must have a workplan for every year according to the by laws. Share changes or feedback with Roberta by the end of January.

Programming - Jillian Finkle has stepped down as Program Chair.

- March 9, 2024 - 4PM at DOA - film viewing on place making, with drinks at Ladder 133 to follow. Roberta trying to get AICP credits.
- Lunch and learn scheduled for Friday, Feb 23 - Dwayne Keys to do a session on economic mobility and housing affordability. Virtual.

Events Update

- Still deciding location - considering Moniker again
- Sarah Ingle will help plan along with Jillian Finkle
- Will avoid week of April 15th which is school vacation for many districts

EDI Committee

- Revisiting vision and mission for the committee
- In the fall, committee took the time to do committee education, including meeting with Neighbors Welcome Rhode Island

SNEAPA

- Discussion around policy of how profits are calculated between the three chapters. RI is putting in significant time and effort to plan SNEAPA and our earnings are not proportional to our efforts.
- Need to have discussion with those who used to work closely on SNEAPA (Mike Deluca, Nate Kelly, Jim Riordan, etc) to discuss strategy around this. And Jay to reach out to

SNEAPA contacts in other chapters regarding their support on this issue. Roberta to reach out to the other chapter presidents to follow up on this issue.

- Jay reached out to the chamber in Newport to see if they have any venues that could accommodate SNEAPA's size, but did not receive a response.

Legislative committee

- Legislation regarding outdoor dining that will likely move quickly. Preventing communities from prohibiting or limiting outdoor dining.
- Working through the Speaker's office to review things that have passed with technical amendments. Ashley Sweet meeting every Friday with Lynn Urbani and Joelle Rocha to discuss legislation passed last session that have technicalities that need to be fixed.
- Small committee working on ADU bills, trying to come up with a bill that is more palatable to the municipalities, especially regarding by-right ADUs. Working closely with AARP. Working to get a bill that both organizations support and eventually introduce on the Senate side.
- Speaker's office concerned with the ADU bill resubmitted.
- Discussed the possibility of hosting a meet and greet in February or March at the state house

Next meeting February 16, 2024

Announcements:

Grace period for AICP credits – if you need credits now is the time.

Registration for the National APA RI conference is live.

401 Gives - Roberta may register us.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15PM