



## RI APA March 15, 2024 Board Meeting

In attendance: Roberta Groch, MJ Bull, Stacy Wasserman, Ashley Sweet, Jay Parker, Rachel Selsky, Sue Mara, Michael DeLuca, Jane Weidman

By-laws: Must be updated every 5 years. Would like to change date new board begins to be consistent with APA National, Jan 1st. It is currently December 1st. Would also like to add more information on the DEI committee. Would like to have this ready for membership to review by April.

APA Administrative Support Grant Program: Roberta suggested need for a legislative aide. Roberta circulated a proposal, requested everyone review. Will discuss further at the April meeting.

RIPTA Transit Riders letter of support: Roberta to ask who else has signed, and we will discuss via email.

2024 Awards: Roberta reviewed the 2024 award winners.

SNEAPA 2024: Started meeting and seeking volunteers and splitting up tasks.

SNEAPA 2025: Discussing options for locations. Convention Center is completely booked and our conference was too small to book this far out. Will see if the convention center is available in November, and will see if doing it in Newport in the off season - November - may be cheaper than October.

Awards Ceremony - April 25, at Moniker

DEI Committee: Speaker on how to address tough conversations or comments from planning board members. Annette will draft a survey to get feedback on examples from members.

Membership: Another planning board joined. Need to be proactive with those who did not renew their membership – may not have seen emails.

Legislative Committee: APA RI recommended changes to inclusionary zoning were made. ADU bill suggestions were made and the Senate bill represents our proposed changes. APA RI will need to help advocate for this bill - S2630. Committee will meet on Tuesday to discuss new bills. Concerns about lack of assistance with the legislative committee – there is too much work for 4 or 5 people, having to put in numerous hours a week during the legislative session. Met with Speaker's staff - Submitted information on non conforming lot calculation; clarified mobile/modular home language; raised issue with development plan review and where appeals go (there are 2 conflicting sections). Another meeting with the Speaker's office in 2 weeks. By that point need to review newly introduced bills to be able to respond to them and provide feedback if looking for changes.

Jillian suggested there may be an opportunity for Grow Smart RI to assist with the legislative work in the future, and maybe worth start thinking about what it would look like.

Next legislative meeting is Tuesday at 9AM.

Next Board meeting is April 19th.

Meeting adjourned 4:40PM