April 2021
APA RI RI Board Meeting

In attendance: Stacy Wasserman, Jeff Davis, Jim Riordan, Caroline Wells, Josh O’Neill, Sarah Ingle, Roberta Groch

March minutes approved. Josh motioned, Jim second. No discussion. All in favor. Motion passed.

Next meeting: May 21

Treasurer’s report:
- $22,049.28 in bank account
- Checking - $18,206.92
- Savings - $3,842.36
- Major expenses and revenue --
  - Paid April-June Brave River Solutions maintenance fee - paid $1,050
  - Insurance policy renewal - paid $407
  - Quarterly membership dues deposit from national - received $769.31
- Strategic Plan - would like to send to membership in Friday 4/23 eblast. Provide a couple weeks for comment and complete this process. Jim motioned to send to members, Sarah second. No discussion. All in favor. Motion passed.
- Upcoming chapter elections --
  - Stacy will run for secretary again
  - Need someone for President-Elect and Treasurer
- Work Plan discussion
  - Membership:
    - Made great strides with our membership efforts. Approaching a membership of 200
    - No response from outreach to sponsors, but good effort and have template for annual use
    - 5 cities and towns (Lincoln, East Providence, North Providence, Providence, Narragansett) have officially paid for their planning boards and a 6th has requested payment (Central Falls)
  - Legislative Committee:
    - Going well, but could use more member participation
  - Programs and Events:
    - Caroline stepping down as program chair. Sarah Ingle to assist in the interim as her time permits.
    - Summer -- potential outside events. Would need to nail down details.
  - Treasurer:
    - Josh will outline usual expenses that happen on an annual basis for next treasurer
  - Awards:
Josh will handle awards again next year

- SNEAPA:
  - CT and MA do not want to go in-person for SNEAPA, but are interested in doing a chapter-only in person event on Thursday night.
  - Josh suggested Janette Sadik-Khan as keynote speaker for SNEAPA.
  - Jim willing to stay involved in SNEAPA planning
  - RICC agreed to postpone for another year to Oct 6 and 7, 2022. Will roll $6,000 deposit over.
- Jim is working on a land use white paper. One planner on the Land Use Commission - Thom Deller, who has offered to bring the planner’s views to the commission, so working on a white paper.
- National planning month in October -- call for board members to assist in researching what smaller chapters are doing -- Roberta volunteered to assist.

Jim working on a climate change toolbox - Region 1 area and Northwest Region. Brief presentation on what’s happening in Northeast/Northwest, break out rooms, SWOT analysis, etc.

April 30 - Next EDI committee meeting.
Hoping to do an event prior to the end of the year with Charrette High School. At minimum, hope they can present final projects to APA members.