August 20, 2021
APA-RI Board Meeting
In attendance: Stacy Wasserman, Jeff Davis, Krista Moravec, Jillian Finkle, Sarah Ingle, Roberta Groch, Jim Riordan, Ashley Sweet, Jay Parker, Josh O’Neill, Michael DeLuca

June meeting minutes -- Roberta motioned to approved, Jillian seconded, no discussion. Minutes approved

Next board meeting - September 17, 2021

SNEAPA
- Meeting earlier this week brainstorming ideas for in person SNEAPA.
- Call for sessions for virtual 2021 SNEAPA will go out Monday, August 23rd and be open until mid-September.
- Speaker only registration policy -- it is hard to do because we do not know if they may end up attending other sessions. But we can do chapter only policy -- if speakers need financial support to do a session, we can waive the fee.
- Goal is to have 2 concurrent sessions at the 2021 virtual SNEAPA, twice as many as last year
- Jim motioned to approve SNEAPA policies as written; Sarah seconded; all approved; motion passed.
- In person activities for RI -- Wednesday and Friday in person. Wednesday -- walking tour in partnership with Charrette High School, as part of WaterFire. WaterFire is not doing in-person tents this year, but Sarah will continue looking at options. Friday -- Tour of the Farm Fresh facility, and then could hang out at one of the food/drinking establishments.
- Previously had agreed to advertise the storm water innovation workshops that RI Green Infrastructure Coalition is hosting. Previously they had told us the date was Oct 21st, but has been moved to Wednesday of SNEAPA when our annual meeting was to be held. Board agreed to move annual meeting to Friday, Oct 22 at 9am to not conflict.

Treasurer’s report:
- Current Bank Balance = $21,681.93
- Checking = $17,838.93
- Savings = $3,843.00

Awards:
- Jeff and Josh to connect Aug 23 to talk about materials
- Stacy, Caitlin Greeley and Krista Moravec have volunteered for the committee -- a few additional members are needed.
- Discussion around giving Kevin Nelson a special award, and giving it in September when he retires -- early ahead of the awards ceremony in January.
• Motion to supercede awards committee and have board vote to present Dan Varin Memorial Leadership Award to Kevin Nelson -- Roberta motioned, seconded by Ashley, no discussion, motion passed.
• Discussion around whether we should host an in person awards ceremony. Discussion around planning for an in-person event, knowing things may change. Would need to be a big, open space. Should consider having an outdoor space to go around with it. Isco Spirits may be an option -- fire pits, can have food trucks. Either December 9th or 16th or January 13th.

Equity, Diversity and Inclusion
• Fabiola is no longer serving as EDI chair and we need a new EDI chair.
• Sarah may reach out to someone in her office to serve as chair.

Programs and Events
• Shout out to Jillian and Sarah on climate event success.
• Keith Stokes - author of Matter of Truth report that came out in May as part of Providence’s effort to research the history of racial inequality and indigenous peoples, in some ways to make the case for reparations. Will be presenting on the report at a September 10 brown bag event, and then have a discussion with attendees.
• Upcoming book club -- more information to come.
• Do we want to charge non-members to attend events? Discussion around the importance of providing value and incentive to becoming members. Roberta motioned to charge a nominal fee for members to attend APA RI events; Stacy seconded; Jeff amended to note if there are special exceptions, they can bring that to the board. Josh is opposed -- he feels we pay a lot of money to become members and chapter members from other states should not have to pay to attend events. Stacy proposed amendment that president has discretion to make the exception without bringing it to the board. Jim proposed amendment to remove ALL APA RI events from the motion, so that there can be the ability to not charge for some events.
• Final motion -- Moving to as a matter of policy have at least a nominal fee for all APA RI events for non-members, and if any event organizers feel this should be waived, that can be discussed with the board and the board has the discretion to waive fees; and that the president has the authority to waive fees upon require. Motion passed.
• Charging minimal fee to non-members would allow us to purchase a zoom account.

Legislative
• Anticipate holding debrief after Labor Day
• Working on CPC grant for a video production
• Wetlands rules and regulations released -- will be phased in starting in January
• Land use commission -- Jim and Mike working to pull together legislative pieces for a white paper

Moving forward, brown bag lunches will be referred to at Lunch and Learns.
Roberta moved to adjourn, Mike seconded, Meeting adjourned at 5:26pm.