

**WESTERN CENTRAL CHAPTER
AMERICAN PLANNING ASSOCIATION**

October 23, 2009
Meeting Minutes

President Getchius called the meeting via conference call to order with the following members present: Neil Putnam, Joanne Garnett, Jeff Bollman, Steve Miller, Pepper McClenahan, Andy Epple, Allyson Bristor. Absent: Amber Vogt, Dave Mingo.

I Approval of Minutes

Motion by Garnett, seconded by Bollman to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. All present voting aye, motion carried.

II Treasurer's Report

Bollman provided a spreadsheet showing our expenses and revenue. The board discussed the impact on APA's proposed fiscal policies on our chapter finances. APA Leadership is examining the proposals in greater detail. APA is receiving feedback from the chapters as well as finding efficiencies within their organization as result of the economy. Getchius and Epple are involved in the discussion and will have more to report later. The WCC may have to take into account APA's decision in the budgeting process and the services we provide to our membership.

Motion by Putnam, seconded Epple to accept the treasurer's report. All members present voting aye, motion carried.

III President's Report

1. Chapter Plan... Getchius is working on this and will report later.
2. Leadership Meetings: Getchius reported on her meetings at the APA national meeting. She reported APA is faced with financial woes and there are proposals that may impact APA and Chapter services. Specifically, credit card fees and the chapter dues rebate/assessment are being discussed. She also said there was significant concern expressed from the other APA chapters.
3. Young Planners Participation: Getchius reported the 'young planners' organization is asking for the chapter to form a young planners group. It was decided that each of the four states in the WCC is to submit two 'young' planners to serve on the organization.

IV State Reports

WYOPASS (Wyoming) Garnett reported WYOPASS did not have a fall conference but encouraged membership to attend the Western Planners Conference in Spearfish, SD. The 2010 state conference will be in Jackson, WY.

NDPA (North Dakota) Miller said NDPA did not have a fall conference and attendance to the Spearfish conference was encouraged. He reported Fargo, North Dakota received a 'Great Places' Award for its efforts in its downtown.

SDPA (South Dakota) Putnam reported the Western Planners Conference in Spearfish was very successful. SDPA was very pleased with the turnout and the quality of the sessions. Additionally reports of the conference may be found on the WPR website. He reported their 2010 State Conference will be October 27,28 in Pierre, South Dakota. He reported that SDPA has secured Dwight Merriman as a presenter.

MAP (Montana) Bollman reported MAP had a successful conference at Red Lodge, Mt. He also reported the MAP board had a strategic planning retreat in Butte, MT.

V Professional Development Report

McClenahan reported the testing window for AICP testing window is November 9-24, 2009. Applications for the May, 2010 testing will open in December. There were a few WCC members that will be taking the November tests.

The feedback from the webinar WCC hosted was positive. The board decided to reserve another time to for a webinar. We need to identify a subject and instructors.

VI Western Planner Liaison Report

No report

VII Web/Newsletter Report

Bristor is updating the website and hopes to get the newsletter out soon. She asked that we provide the conference updates at once.

VIII Other Business

1. Nominating Committee Report. Putnam provided the nominating committee report that recommends two candidates April Getchius for the WCC President and Neil Putnam for the WCC Vice-President. The committee solicited nominations per our by-laws. No other nominations were submitted. Motion by Garnett, seconded by Miller to accept the committee report and commence the voting process to our membership. All members present voting aye, motion carried.

IX Next Meeting

The next meeting will December 8, 2009 at 1:00 Mountain Time.

X Adjournment