

Hampton Roads Chapter ASPA Council Leadership Meeting Minutes
Annual Planning Meeting
June 26, 2009, 11:00 to 2:00 PM

Attending: Dave McClees from VB Housing; Dr. Bill Gibson from Virginia Wesleyan, Diana Cole and Jason McAfee, VB Housing Interns and NSU students; Bob Morin from VB Social Services; Tina Morin, Bob's wife; Adele Martin, ODU Ph.D. student, Dr. Mohamad Alkadry from ODU, Jerry Hoddinott, Chesapeake Public Utilities.

Absent: James Gray, Dr. Pam Gibson, Drs. Pam and John Dunning, Lindsey Kennedy, Tom Poulin, Vivian Greentree

The Planning Meeting was held at VB Department of Human Services, 3432 Virginia Beach Blvd., 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. A delicious lunch was served by Bob and Tina Morin.

Dave opened the meeting with encouraging remarks and welcomed new members of the leadership team. Introductions were made.

Council position vacancies were discussed and the following were approved:

- Treasurer – Lindsay Kennedy
- Secretary – Pam Gibson
- Webmaster – John Dunning
- Newsletter Editor – Adele Martin
- Membership/ Marketing Chair – Mohamad Alkadry, assisted by Jerry Hoddinott
- History of Chapter – Vivian Greentree (student rep)
- Student Symposium – Discussion revolved around Bob Morin, John Dunning and Vivian Greentree (student rep)
- 8th Council Seat – Vacant (Dr. Alkadry to contact NSU to possibly fill this position)

Dave introduced several topics for discussion as follows:

- The Chapter funds were mentioned as being sound at this time. It is important that the Chapter remain careful with this money as it was accumulated since the early 1990s (primarily from hosting the regional conference).
- Planning Council meeting will be in August, Thursday, August 20, same location, 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. Please bring your own lunch, if desired.
- General luncheon meeting dates for the year are the third Thursdays: September 17, November 19, and January 21. There was discussion about the number of meetings per year. The Council decided to keep the same number as in the past. The Council discussed the locations for these meetings and agreed to the following:
 1. September and November meetings, as well as the March Symposium will be held at the Holiday Inn Executive Center at the Newtown Road exit of I-264, Virginia Beach. There was discussion as to the cost for the lunch with some wanting to hold

it to a maximum of \$20 per person. However, at the HIEC, the cost to us is \$20; therefore member cost is \$25 with students paying \$15 was approved. (HIEC lunches are plated with no set-up charges so long as a minimum of 30 lunches are served. A \$250 deposit check is required to cover the two luncheon events scheduled there)

2. The January meeting will be held in Hampton at a location to be selected. Cost will be determined when the location is selected (Pam Dunning coordinating).
3. Symposium is March 18. This will be held at the HIEC.
4. Awards luncheon is May 6 to coincide with National Public Service Week. This will be at ODU's Ted Constant Center in Norfolk. Mohamad Alkadry will make arrangements for this venue.

The Council agreed it was important to post these on our web site as soon as possible and to make sure membership is contacted early so that they can schedule to attend.

- There was discussion about the alternate months Mixers on the third Thursdays or Fridays, alternating with the Program Meeting months. Adele and Mohamad volunteered to coordinate this activity.
- The Council discussed opportunities to honor our membership and encourage new members. One suggestion was a PAA honorary membership for a high profile individual. Timely topics and notable speakers are important. Making contacts with members through email and the web site were noted. The survey conducted in March 2007 by Pam Dunning indicted two major issues with membership – time constraints and agency support. Information from that survey will be considered in making topic selections for this upcoming year.

Bob introduced Program topics for discussion as follows:

- The Council discussed program topics for general meetings and the symposium. Should we have an overall theme like “Quality of Life”? Several of the ideas that emerged were transportation (HRPDC); urban issues (strategies for gang activity); HUD stimulus dollars, Myron Orfield, “The Collaborative Management of the Metropolis” (Bill), best practices (Bob and Mohamad), GIS. Bob welcomed suggestions from chapter members. He will explore topics and speakers and bring his findings and schedule to the August meeting. It was brought out that the Hampton Roads area has a pool of high quality “experts” for speakers, although, sometimes an exceptional outside speaker may be a good draw for attendance. The speaker must come without charge – speak for his/her lunch!
- The September General Membership Luncheon Program Meeting will be on the topic of “Transportation”. Bob Morin will organize/ coordinate the meeting.
- **A Council meeting will be held prior to the September program meeting: Thursday, August 20 at the Virginia Beach Department of Human Services, conference room, 12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m.** Please bring your own lunch, if desired.

**Work Group
Program Meeting Topics - Planning Meeting
Held Thursday, July 16, 2009, 11:30 to 1:00 PM at HIEC**

Attending (5): Dave McClees, Bob Morin, Mohamad Alkadry, John Dunning, Adale Martin

The following program topics resulted from this work group meeting discussion:

“Invigorating Public Sector Change”				
DATE	LOCATION	CHAIR	TOPIC	SPEAKER
9/17/09	Holiday Inn-Exec. Center, @Newtown Road, Virginia Beach	Bob Morin	Transportation: Confirmed speaker is Dennis Heurer, P.E., VDOT District Administrator for Hampton Roads; Dennis.Heurer@VDOT.Virginia.gov . Luncheon program cost is only \$27 (\$15 for FT students).	
11/19/09	HIEC, Newtown, VB	Adale Martin	Economic Development	TBA
1/21/10	Peninsula location	Pam Dunning	Suffolk Modeling Simulation Center John and Pam will involve the military (Joint Forces Staff College; American Political Science Association).	TBA
3/18/10	HIEC, Newtown Rd. exit of I-264, VB. Future work group meeting to be set.	John Dunning is the contact	Symposium – Student papers during morning breakouts; professional topic at luncheon. \$30 luncheon; \$15 morning breakout presentation sessions; \$40 all day (ends after luncheon)*	TBA
5/6/10	Ted Constant Ctr, Hampton Boulevard, ODU, Norfolk	Mohamad & Dave Mc	Annual Meeting and Awards: Hurst, House & Pindur awards; ASPA scholarship(s); election results & inductions.	Depends on Hurst award recipient

*Note: Symposium theme – **“Toward a New Public-Private dynamic”**

1. Student paper presentations (community-based research with a focus on serving both academia and practioners) in the morning breakout sessions with five (5) colleges and universities intended to be represented. Discounted fee for students for the morning sessions only is \$15 (no other subsidies for morning breakouts).
 - Dr. Mohamad Alkadry for ODU & NSU;
 - Dr. John Dunning for Troy State University and College of William & Mary; and
 - Dr. Bill Gibson for Virginia Wesleyan University
2. Symposium contact is John Dunning. Future work group meetings to be set-up. Include Hampton University
3. Luncheon program chair is yet to be determined.

Work Group
Marketing Topics - Planning Meeting
Held Thursday, August 12, 2009, Noon to 1:30 PM at VB-DHS

Attending:

Dave McClees, Bob Morin, Mohamad Alkadry, John Dunning, Adale Martin & Vivian Greentree

The following resulted from the 7/16 work group meeting discussion:

3rd-Friday's Wine & Cheese Mixers (5:30 to 7:00 PM)			
DATE	LOCATION	HOST	<i>Comments</i>
10/16/09	To be determined (Chrysler Museum; Norfolk yacht Club; or other?)	Adale Martin	<i>Invite Ph.D. Assn; goodie-bags from host city?</i>
2/19/10	Chesapeake	Jerry Hoddinott	<i>Somewhere close to I-64</i>

Topics:

- Council Meetings immediately after the General Membership Program Meetings for no more than 30 minutes (rather than separate council meetings in the between months to cut down on the number of meetings Council / Chapter Leadership are asked to attend)?
- Mohamad Alkadry heads up the Membership / Marketing Group: Adale Martin, Vivian Greentree, Jeff Kuti, Dr. Bill Gibson
- Updating emails: John Dunning to ask members to update their email addresses, together with Lindsay Kennedy and Pam Gibson
- Mohamad will provide John with links to web sites of local governments, etc.
- Pi Alpha Alpha (PAA) Honor Society: Mohamad would like to offer honorary (one year?) membership to PAA members (these are graduates receiving induction into PAA at the end of their studies. (discuss at 8/20/09 Council/ leadership Meeting)
- Outreach to universities & colleges – speaking to PA classes to promote ASPA-HR (Vivian & John). I.E.: Student members of ASPA to speak to PA classes in Hampton Roads colleges & universities.
- Getting out the first newsletter (Adale) – after the 8/20/09 full council meeting?

Adale to begin to roll out the planning info from this summer to the general membership through the newsletter immediately after the 8/20 full council meeting (which could include links to info on the chapter web site). Also, promote the Sept 17 VDOT Luncheon Program (send out press releases). John Dunning will put together a flyer for the 9/17 program and contact Lindsay about registration set-up.



VDOT Leadership

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Dennis W. Heuer, a 30-year veteran in the engineering and project management field in both the public and private sectors, came to the Hampton Roads District in October 2004. He oversees construction, maintenance and operations of highways as well as operation of ferries, bridge-tunnels and a toll bridge. He oversees an annual budget of more than \$400 million and 1,290 state employees.

Heuer comes to VDOT from Thompson Engineering in Mobile, Ala., where he managed the engineering, design, construction, operations and maintenance of multi-million dollar projects. Earlier he worked for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as the deputy district engineer for the Mobile District, having responsibilities for planning, engineering construction, project management, real estate, budgeting and environmental activities of federal projects in the southeastern U.S. Before that he served in the U.S. Army as an engineer and leader of engineer units.

Education

Heuer earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Aerospace Engineering from the Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn, N.Y., and a Master of Science Degree in civil engineering from the Pennsylvania State University in State College, Pa. He is a registered professional engineer in 13 states, including Virginia.

Organizations

American Society of Civil Engineers, Society for American Military Engineers, and the Propeller Club (a national maritime association)

Personal

Born in Queens, N.Y., and raised on Long Island. He has one daughter who recently graduated from college.

Interests and Hobbies

Riding Harley Davidson motorcycles, scuba diving, competitive shooting with Civil War and modern guns, wine tasting, travel; also a licensed pilot.

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