

## **Hampton Roads Chapter ASPA Council Leadership Meeting Minutes November 19, 2009**

Attending: Bob Morin from VB Department of Human Services; Adale Martin, ODU Ph.D. Student; Dave McClees, VB Public Works; Jerry Hoddinott, Chesapeake Public Utilities; Dr. John Dunning and Dr. Pam Gibson from Troy; James Gray, Hampton Fire Department; Dr. Mohamad Alkadry of ODU, and Lindsey Kennedy.

Absent: Bill Gibson, Tom Poulin, Sabrina Carr, Vivian Greentree, Angela Yancey

John Dunning spoke of the Thursday, January 21, 2010 gathering in downtown Hampton at Marker 20, 5:30pm – 7:30pm. The backroom seats 35-40 people and has no cost. Hors d'oeuvres and dinner will be pay-as-you-go.. The times were selected in order to allow agencies time to arrive from work. The plans for an ethics panel discussion were not possible. The theme is the Public Administration Network. A flyer from Pam Dunning, event chair, with more information will be posted on our website..

Dave McClees suggested the council meet again prior to the January meeting to establish an agenda for the new year.

Tassew S. Gizaw, Assistant Professor at Norfolk State University was nominated by Mohammad Alkadry to fill an interim appointment on the council until the next election. Unanimous support in the vote. Dr. Gizaw was appointed to serve out the current fiscal year (Section 4 of the Constitution). Regular leadership elections take place in May.

Lindsay Kennedy reports that the National office has all the paperwork necessary to cut checks for the local chapter. We can expect 2009 check in January or February, 2010; however, we have yet to receive a check for 2008 (promised in January 2010 by Pat Yearwood at National). The financial and chapter forms were completed by Lindsay and Pam Gibson respectively and have yet to receive funds. It was recommended that the chapter President write a letter asking for a response shortly should we not receive the check soon.

Adale Martin suggested we invite a national representative to come to Norfolk to talk with the council regarding matters such as above. It was noted that a meeting with the ASPA President and staff is held with chapter presidents at the annual ASPA meeting.

The Friday, February 19, 2010 mixer is planned for the new Chesapeake Hyatt-Place. Jerry Hoddinott will be visiting the site tomorrow to look at rates and space. This is also a pay as you go event. Discussion to create a flyer for the website.

John Dunning requested a slight change in the topic/theme of the March symposium – Going beyond market failures to look at national government innovations – invigorating public service for change. This will be in keeping with the theme of the national office this year. John will rewrite the call for papers to be more reflective of this broader theme.

Discussion ensued regarding the need to investigate another venue for luncheons. Dave McClees will check on the required obligation in our current contractual arrangement with the Holiday Inn Executive Center. Mohammad will investigate use of the Webb Center at ODU. Central library has 2 rooms which serves 75 people each and has kitchen facilities. Restaurants in the area offer separate space we could use for our events.

All were requested to provide Adale information for the December newsletter.

Noted thanks was given to Adale for all her hard work in organizing today's event. The Mayor's appearance and the speaker's presentation made for an impressive program.

It was asked if we should investigate social networking – going on Facebook, Twitter. Lindsay will investigate and link to the website.

Lindsay mentioned that Wachovia has begun charging \$7.00 per month when our account falls below \$1,000. This is calculated daily. She will pursue our options with other financial institutions. It was noted that we risk new changes with any other bank, we would have to pay for new checks and safety deposit box so, should do our best to ensure we maintain a \$1,000.00 balance.

Dave scheduled a leadership strategy meeting on Friday, December 11, 2009, 6-8pm at Bob's office.

Respectfully, submitted,

Pam Gibson  
Secretary