

Ozark Mountain Section – MO APA

Meeting Minutes



March 11, 2019
110 Park Central
Square, Springfield

Present: Ronda Burnett, Joel Binkley, Megan Clark, Sydney Allen
Absent: Alana Owen, Erica Scott, Dr Krista Evans, Brendan Greisemer

1. Call to order
RB called meeting to order at 2:11pm
 2. Roll call
 3. Approval of minutes
SA motioned to approve January minutes, MC 2nd. All in favor. RB noted that minutes should be distributed to all members before the 1st Monday of the following month.
 4. Treasurers report
MC reported no changes to budget since January meeting. MC gave update on the process of changing section bank accounts to Bank of America, which is not yet completed.
 5. Updates
 - a. APA-MO Board of Directors monthly conference call
RB provided updates from March conference call highlighting the work of the Legislative Subcommittee, attempts to apply for a grant from APA to create a repository of local ordinances and case studies, and the need to submit local nominations for Great Places in America in April. Shared news that our own MC is now the chair of the Great Places in America national committee. RB passed on to board that section meeting minutes should be updated regularly on our website.

Action item: JB to connect with MC to ensure all past minutes from 2018 and 2019 are uploaded to section webpage.
- RB updated board on Quad State Conference preparations. Registration not open until June, but hotel rooms can be reserved for the October conference.*
RB mentioned that STL and KC sections host a one-day workshop/conference for their members for low cost and offer CM. Board discussed merits of replicating such an event in Ozarks or whether to encourage our members to attend. Item tabled for future consideration.

b. OMS Scholarships for NPC

Board reviewed applications for \$500 scholarship for our professional membership to attend the National Conference in San Francisco. A single application was submitted, and MC motioned and JB seconded to award the scholarship to Nicole Laureola, Planner with Greene County. All voted in favor.

Board also reviewed the applications of our student members for a National Conference scholarship. Seven students submitted information indicating their preferred conference sessions, fulfilling their obligations based on a previous motion and vote by the board.

***Action item:** MC to contact MAPS and send a check for the conference scholarships*

c. Quad State Conference

MC encouraged board members to submit session proposals and gave an update on the preparations for the Quad State Conference. The Board discussed possible session topics and APA requirements.

d. Summer Internships

Board discussed sending out a Google Form to our members to solicit availability for summer interns. All agreed to push again for summer internship recruitment at April luncheon.

6. New Business

a. 2020 APA-MO Conference Planning Committee

RB updated board on 2020 planning committee. Seven volunteers have signed up so far out of a preferred number of ten. RB will use April luncheon as another opportunity for recruitment to this committee. Board discussed possible themes for the conference as well as prizes and giveaways.

b. 2019 OCITE Technical Conference

RB and MC gave a review of last year's conference and OMS's role and obligations. For 2019 OMS will be expected to contribute speakers and presenters on planning topics.

***Action item:** RB to recruit a section member to volunteer for the planning committee for the OCITE conference, and will reach out to OCITE for next steps.*

c. Logistics for April OMS member meeting

Board discussed multiple possibilities and settled on the topic of Medical Marijuana for the April luncheon, as well as the community meeting room at CMH Hospital in Bolivar as the venue.

***Action item:** JB to recruit speakers on the topic ideally from Warrensburg, MO where zoning regs have already been adopted, and from Springfield and Greene County*

***Action item:** SA to liaise with venue in Bolivar as well as organize catering from the hospital*

***Action item:** RB to send invitation email to members before the end of March*

7. Open discussion

RB reminded group about the State Chapter work plan and to keep those items in mind.

MC suggested adding monthly highlights from section activities to minutes to be able to easily compile annual report. These highlights can be tied to State Chapter work plan to show cooperation.

***Action item:** RB to ask during April State Chapter call about the development of a template to help sections align activities with State Chapter work plan.*

8. Adjournment

RB adjourned the meeting at 3:18pm

Next meeting of the Board will be April 8, 2019 at 2pm at 110 Park Central Square, Springfield