



Final Minutes - January 26, 2024
Approved – March 15, 2024
MD APA Executive Committee Meeting

Time: 1:00 pm- 2:35 pm
Location: Virtual

1 Call to Order:

1.1 Meeting was called to order at 1:06 PM with the following attendees:

Lynda Eisenberg	Andrew Bernish
Sarah Diehl	Sam Gordon
Jacqui Rouse	Joe Griffiths
Steve O'Connor	Najila Ahsan
Olivia Vidotto	Rich Hall
Alan Feinberg	Michael Bayer
Dr. Siddhartha Sen	Jim Potter

1.2 **Action on proposed agenda:**

1.3 **Approve outstanding minutes:** Sarah made a motion to approve November minutes and seconded by Steve. All in favor.

2 Housekeeping Issues

2.1 **Treasurer’s Report:**

2.2 **PDO Report:** needs to be filled

2.3 **Annual Report – Progress**

2.4 **Chapter Work Plan – Progress**

- Plan to have a half-day retreat to finalize work plan

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3 Chapter Conference – Updates and Next Steps

- Discussion about sending representatives to the National Planning Conference in Minneapolis– the chapter can send one person.
- Discussion regarding collaborating with other chapters
- Need to follow up with Chris regarding budget for chapter conferences
- Discussion regarding providing scholarships to 2 students to attend the National Conference. Discussion regarding UMD and Morgan State to collaborate on a scholarship to attend the conference—the students would be asked to blog about the experience
- Howard County/ Columbia as an option for event

4 Business

4.1 **Affordable Housing Tour of Baltimore Request**

- Partnership opportunities with MDP
- Hotel option

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4.3 **Election Results**

- Michael Bayer is the new President Elect
- Najila is the new secretary
- Thomas is the new UMD Student Representative.

5 Regional Representative Reports

5.1 **MDP** – Joe Griffiths

5.2 **Western Maryland** – Alan Feinberg
Challenges of reaching people in Western MD

5.3 **Statewide** – Rich Hall

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5.4 **Baltimore** – Michael Bayer

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5.5 **Eastern Shore** – Steve O’Connor

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5.6 **Southern Maryland** – Olivia Vidotto

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5.7 **Committee Updates** – EPG: Jasmine not available

Other Points mentioned:

- Mid Atlantic Planning Initiative- citizen engagement in planning efforts
- Community Action Committee Planning Academies
- Train the trainer program
- Hosting a Spring event– need budget information from Chris

6 **Adjourn:** Meeting was adjourned at 2:08pm

ACTION ITEM SUMMARY

1. Najila to send Doodle Poll to determine a date for a half-day retreat
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