



Development District Association of Appalachia

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 2016
CRYSTAL GATEWAY MARRIOTT HOTEL
ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA**

MINUTES

SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 2016

President Jim Dove welcomed Board members and others to Arlington, VA and called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

Secretary Jim Baldwin called the roll.

Members Present:

President/Georgia	Jim Dove
1 st Vice President/Ohio	John Hemmings
2 nd Vice President/New York	Richard Zink
Secretary/Virginia	Jim Baldwin
Treasurer/South Carolina	Steve Pelissier
Immediate Past President/Ohio	Misty Casto
Georgia	Danny Lewis
Kentucky	Mike Patrick
Maryland	Leanne Mazer
Mississippi	Rudy Johnson
North Carolina	Anthony Starr
Pennsylvania	Jill Foy
Tennessee	Mark Farley
Virginia	Dave Hoback

Members Absent:

Alabama	Keith Jones
West Virginia	Shane Whitehair

Others Present During all or Part of the Session:

Dan Neff	ARC Local Development District Director
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President's Report

President Dove welcomed everyone to the Arlington, for the DDAA Annual Conference. He then provided an overview of the next few day's activities and meeting schedule. He noted that we had a great agenda and encouraged all to participate actively. He then turned the floor over to Steve Pelissier for the Treasurer's Report.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Pelissier addressed the Board and presented the General Fund Treasurer's Report for the period ending March 31, 2016. Steve then walked the board through the report, ending with a discussion of the FY17 DDAA budget. Mr. Pelissier noted an amendment that involved a \$3,000 decrease in the Annual Conference expenses to \$92,000 from \$95,000 and a corresponding increase of \$3,000 to the legal and accounting line item.

After all points were clarified' Mr. Pelissier made a motion to accept the financials and amended budget as presented. Mr. Baldwin seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

DDAA Training Program Report

Misty Casto, Training Committee Chair, reported on the upcoming Training Conference in Asheville, North Carolina, April 24-26, 2016. She went over the proposed topics which focused on GIS and POWER on Sunday. She noted that they were estimating about 60 people to attend. She also said that the closing lunch on Tuesday would include time to talk more about the POWER Plus program.

Nominating Committee Report

Misty Casto gave the report of the Nominating Committee as follows:

President	John Hemmings
1 st Vice-President	Richard Zink
2 nd Vice-President	Jim Baldwin
Secretary	Jill Foys
Treasurer	Steve Pelissier
Immediate Past President	Jim Dove

This slate of officers was recommended for action at the Annual Membership Meeting later in the afternoon.

Conference Update

John Hemmings gave a brief update on the Annual Conference, mentioning that there would be a heavy emphasis on POWER Plus with several sessions led by Jeff Schwartz, the ARC POWER Initiative Manger. He noted that Al Oliver, retired professional baseball player of the Pittsburgh Pirates, would be speaking after Earl Gohl at the opening dinner Sunday evening.

ARC Staff Report

Dan Neff, ARC's LDD Director, gave an update on staff issues related to the POWER Initiative. Of particular note was the designation of Jeff Schwartz as the ARC POWER Initiative Manager. Mr. Neff pointed to the fact that ARC was able to hire more staff as a result of the POWER Plus funding to help oversee the program.

Old Business

President Dove asked if there was any old business to bring before the Board. John Hemmings asked about a DDAA public relations piece, and Dan Neff and Misty Casto offered to check on it. Danny Lewis announced that he would be retiring in August, 2016, and be moving to Greenville, South Carolina.

New Business

Each board member gave a highlight of events in their respective states.

Next Meeting

It was announced that the next Board of Directors meeting would be the Summer meeting to be held in Chillicothe, Ohio probably in early August, 2016.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.