



Development District Association of Appalachia

DDAA ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 2016
CRYSTAL GATEWAY MARRIOTT
ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA

MINUTES

Sunday April 3, 2016

Jim Dove called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the Development District Association of Appalachia Annual Conference - Appalachia: America's Next Great Investment Opportunity. Mr. Dove discussed the theme of the conference and provided a few highlights to look forward to over the next few days. Mr. Dove then introduced Dan Neff, LDD Director.

Presentation on ARC

Mr. Neff noted that Scott Hamilton, ARC Executive Director, wasn't able to be at the conference due to the death of his mother. Mr. Neff began by talking a little about the new ARC Strategic Plan which had been approved by the DDAA Board of Directors at its Winter Board Meeting. He noted that the Plan, entitled Investing In Appalachia's Future, The Appalachian Regional Commission's Five-Year Strategic Plan for Capitalizing on Appalachia's Opportunities, would guide ARC's investment for the next five years. The Five Investment Goals set out in the Plan are built around Economic Opportunities, Ready Workforce, Critical Infrastructure, Natural and Cultural Assets and Leadership and Community Capacity. Action Objectives accompany each Goal, and Outcome Measurements are identified for each objective.

Mr. Neff emphasized that ARC involves a team effort of federal, state and local grassroots partners with LDDs playing a critical role. He asked that all partners keep in mind the Vision of ARC for Appalachia to achieve economic parity with the rest of the nation, as well as ARC's Mission to innovate, partner and invest to build community capacity and strengthen economic growth in Appalachia.

Mr. Neff also noted that ARC would be receiving \$50 million in POWER funds each year in FY17 and FY18 and that much more detail would be coming throughout the Conference and in the next few weeks. He also noted that the regular Area Development Program funds would still be available. Mr. Neff concluded by thanking John Hemmings for his great work on developing the conference agenda for this year.

Presentation on New DDAA Strategic Plan

President Dove then talked about the new DDAA Strategic Plan and the critical role LDDs would play in fulfilling ARC's mission. He talked about the core assets that LDDs brought to the table – local expertise, geographical diversity, common interests, relationships and information sharing. He especially focused on six broad categories where LDDs are engaged, including 1) the management and governance of the DDAA; 2) developing the Annual DDAA Conference in cooperation with NADO; 3) sponsoring effective Training Conferences; 4) providing membership services through the DDAA; 5) providing input to the ARC staff; and 6) providing technical assistance through the sharing of best practices. Mr. Dove went on to point out several challenges facing ARC, including coordination with other agencies on national strategies, the lack of resources faced by LDDs, and the high turnover rate among LDD leadership. He indicated that the new Strategic Plan was a good guide to help overcome these challenges.

Approval of 2015 Minutes

President Dove asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the 2015 Annual Meeting. A motion was made by Danny Lewis and seconded by John Hemmings. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Pelissier presented the Treasurer's report and the proposed FY2017 annual budget noting the DDAA Board voted to recommend approval of the report and an amended FY17 budget. Mr. Pelissier asked for a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and adopt the FY2017 annual budget. The motion was made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Johnson. The motion passed unanimously.

Training Program Report

Ms. Casto provided an update of the Professional Development Seminar to be held in Asheville, NC, April 24-26, 2016. She noted that there would be a lot of attention paid to the POWER Plus program with Scott Hamilton scheduled to talk about POWER on Sunday at 3:00 p.m. She acknowledged the efforts of NADO and particularly Vicki Glass in helping with conference logistics. She also thanked the Training Conference Committee of John Hemmings, Eric Miller, Richard Zink, and Shane Whitaker.

DDAA Election 2016 / 17

A. Slate of Officers

President Dove then asked Ms. Casto, Immediate Past President, to present the slate of officers for the upcoming year. The officers include:

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

Mr. Lewis made a motion that the slate of officers be approved as submitted and Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Board Members

President Dove called for the nominations from each state to serve on the DDAA Board of Directors for a one-year term. They are:

Alabama	Jeff Pruitt
Georgia	Lloyd Fraser
Kentucky	Mike Patrick
Maryland	Leanne Mazer
Mississippi	Rudy Johnson
New York	Erik Miller
North Carolina	Anthony Starr
Ohio	Misty Casto
Pennsylvania	Eric Miller
South Carolina	Steve Pelissier
Tennessee	Mark Farley
Virginia	Dave Hoback
West Virginia	Shane Whitehair

A motion to accept the nominations for membership on the Board of Directors for 2016-2017 was made by Mr. Lewis and seconded by Mr. Strickland, all in favor.

With no new business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned.