



**DDAA ANNUAL MEMERBSHIP MEETING  
SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2015  
CRYSTAL GATEWAY MARRIOTT  
ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA**

**MINUTES**

**SUNDAY MARCH 22, 2015**

Ms. Casto welcomed everyone to the Development District Association of Appalachia Annual Conference: Appalachia's Legacy of Resilience: How Emerging Economic Opportunities Are Making the Region Stronger. Ms. Casto discussed the theme of the conference and provided a few highlights to look forward to over the next few days. Ms. Casto then introduced Scott Hamilton, ARC Executive Director.

**PRESENTATION ON ARC**

Mr. Hamilton, ARC Executive Director, started his presentation by providing a brief overview of his history and his time as ARC Executive Director since September of last year. He then acknowledged the DDAA board and officers for their leadership in all that they due for the LDD's and ARC. Mr. Hamilton welcomed any new LDD directors and thanked Charles Howard, ARC General Counsel, for all of his support and commitment before Mr. Hamilton took over fulltime as the new Executive Director. Mr. Hamilton mentioned the close relationship that ARC has with the DDAA Board and the how the two agencies work together to provide linkages between congress, the states, and the LDD's.

Mr. Hamilton then provided an overview of the President's proposed budget and the potential increase that is associated with extra dollars for broadband and workforce training as well as the Power+ Initiative. He noted the ARC is seen as an effective conduit to fund programs that will be successful and impactful. Mr. Hamilton stated that while the proposed budget is a good sign it is difficult to read the tea leaves to see what Congress will finally approve as they work their way through the budget process.

Mr. Hamilton discussed the booklet in the conference packets: *Appalachia Then and Now: Examining Changes to the Appalachian Region Since 1965*. As he went through the summary Mr. Hamilton focused on the data that is presented and the picture that it tells on how the region has progressed and yet still has issues that need to be addressed. He thanked Kostas Skordas, Director Regional Planning and Research at ARC for his efforts in this document and accompanying full report. Mr. Hamilton then went through a slideshow presentation that focused on the data within the full report.

In closing Mr. Hamilton encouraged everyone at the conference to utilize the twitter handle #DDAA2015 to promote the activities and the events of the conference. He reminded us all that each one of us is making a difference within our communities and across Appalachia and that we should continue to build the partnerships that will provide definitive change across the region.

President Casto asked for a motion to open the business meeting and accept the agenda. A motion was made by Mr. Lewis and seconded by Mr. Dove. The motion was passed unanimously and the meeting was called to order at 12:55 p.m.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Mr. Pelissier provided a brief history of the Treasurer's position within the DDAA and then presented treasurer's report and the proposed FY2016 annual budget noting the carryover will be officially determined after the revenue and expenditures from the annual conference are accounted for properly. Mr. Pelissier asked for a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and adopt the FY2016 annual budget. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dove and seconded by Mr. Bridges, the motion passed unanimously.

### **TRAINING PROGRAM REPORT**

Ms. Casto provided an update of the Professional Development Seminar to be held in Pittsburgh, Pa April 19-21, 2015. Ms. Casto indicated that early registration and hotel registration deadlines were fast approaching. A copy of the seminar's agenda and registration was available at the registration desk.

### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT**

President Casto then introduced Ms. McDavid, Immediate Past President, who presented the slate of officers for the upcoming year. The officers include:

President	Jim Dove
1st Vice President	John Hemmings
2nd Vice President	Richard Zink
Secretary	Jim Baldwin
Treasurer	Steve Pelissier

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

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

Alabama	Keith Jones
Georgia	Danny Lewis
Kentucky	Mike Patrick
Maryland	Leanne Mazer
Mississippi	Rudy Johnson
New York	Erik Miller
North Carolina	Anthony Starr
Ohio	Misty Casto
Pennsylvania	Jill Foys
South Carolina	Steve Pelissier
Tennessee	Mark Farley
Virginia	Jim Baldwin
West Virginia	Michele Craig

A motion to accept the nominations for membership on the Board of Directors for 2015 – 2016 was made by Mr. Lewis and seconded by Mr. Johnson the motion passed unanimously.

With no new business to come before the board the meeting was adjourned at 1:09 pm.