



Board or Directors Meeting

Monday, January 19-Tuesday, January 20

Greenville, SC

Minutes

Monday, January 19, 2017

President Hemmings welcomed the board and others to Greenville, SC and called the meeting to order at 3:08 p.m.

Secretary Jill Foys called the roll.

Members Present:

President/Ohio	John Hemmings
1 st Vice President/New York	Richard Zink
Second Vice President/Virginia	Jim Baldwin
Secretary/Pennsylvania	Jill Foys
Treasurer	Steve Pelissier
Immediate Past President/Georgia	Jim Dove
Alabama	Jeff Pruitt
Kentucky	Sherry McDavid
North Carolina	Anthony Starr
Ohio	Misty Casto
Virginia	Dave Hoback
West Virginia	Shane Whitehair

Members Absent:

Georgia	Lloyd Fraser
Maryland	Leanne Mazer
Mississippi	Rudy Johnson
Pennsylvania	Eric Bridges
Tennessee	Mark Farley

Others present during all or part of the meeting:

Dan Neff	ARC Local Development District Director
Scott Hamilton	ARC Executive Director
Earl Gohl	ARC Federal Co Chair

Approval of the Agenda

A proposed agenda for the DDAA 2016 Winter Meeting was presented. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Mr. Pelissier and seconded by Mr. Zink. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes of the DDAA Summer Meeting ~~Minutes~~

Minutes of the DDAA Summer Meeting, July 16-18 were presented for review. A motion was made by Mr. Dove and seconded by Mr. Hoback. Action was taken to correct the meeting minutes to reflect the absence of Mike Patrick, Kentucky. With said correction, the motion was passed unanimously.

President's Report

President Hemmings welcomed the group to Greenville. He gave an overview of the Professional Development Training that will follow the board meeting. President Hemmings voiced his appreciation for Ms. Casto and her staff for once again putting together a successful training event. Registration exceeded expectations.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Pelissier addressed the Board and presented the financial report. He reminded the group that DDAA is chartered in West Virginia and that he received a request to explain why a WV company was operated in SC. An explanation was given and no further action is required. Treasurer Pelissier noted that only one LDD have not paid their annual dues. It was noted that the LDD only has one ARC County.

A motion was made By Mr. Dove and seconded by Mr. Starr to accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion was passed unanimously.

Award Discussion

Mr. Dove distributed the proposed committee list for this fiscal year. President Hemmings suggested that the open seat on the Training Committee be filled by the representative from NY when one is appointed. Mr. Neff and Mr. Hemmings led discussion on the three awards presented at the DDAA annual conference in March. The Congressional Award will be discussed with Guy Land and Susan Howard to identify appropriate nominees. The Whisman award has recently been used to honor those retiring/retired Executive Directors and State Program Directors. The group felt that was an appropriate focus of the award. The Humanitarian Award has been difficult to identify nominees. It was suggested by Ms. McDavid that the Humanitarian Award become a biannual award and in those idle years, a youth award be presented to worthy youth or youth programs. Mr. Neff asked for the award committee to identify criteria for a youth award.

ARC Staff Update

Mr. Neff reported that this meeting would likely be the last for Federal Co Chair Earl Gohl. He announced the date of the Quorum Meeting in DC as February 26th. The process for the replacement of the Federal Co-Chair and potential for an Alternate Federal Co-Chair was discussed. Operations of the ARC may continue without a Federal Co-Chair however, no grants can be approved and signed without an Alternate or Federal Co-Chair.

Mr. Neff reported that all 13 State letters have been received for the Administrative Grants and are being reviewed. Memos will be sent to the states by Mid-February at the latest. Mr. Zink offered his appreciation for the administrative funding and the expeditious process.

Treasurer Pelissier welcomed everyone to Greenville, SC and highlighted the city's assets before the meeting was adjourned at 4:30pm.

Tuesday, January 20, 2017

ARC Federal Co-Chair Briefing

Mr. Gohl reported to the group that he has been asked by the Obama Administration to alter his resignation from 1/20 to "at the pleasure of the President". This will allow grants to continue to be signed and his intention is to remain through the Quorum Meeting unless replaced prior to. Mr. Gohl reflected on his time at ARC and his appreciation for the DDAA. The board, in turn, shared their appreciation and experiences with Mr. Gohl and thanked him for his service to the Commission.

ARC Executive Director Report

Mr. Hamilton provided an update to the board. \$151MM is in the President's budget for ARC. This is the highest level of ARC funding ever. This includes POWER funding. Mr. Hamilton discussed the legacy of POWER. The outstanding applications are being reviewed. The level of funding that remains is 20MM and applications total 175MM. ARC hopes to have all reviewed this week. They will suggest that those applications that are appropriate for Area Development projects be considered there.

POWER recipients were in DC last week to highlight their projects, share best practices and understand how individual projects are part of a much larger ARC region picture.

The Quorum of Governors will meet in late February to set the Commission's budget and priorities for 2017. Voting is taking place for the State's Co-Chair and will be announced soon. It was discussed as to whether the Quorum Meeting was an appropriate venue to recognize Earl Gohl's contributions to ARC. It was agreed that Mr. Hemmings would reach out to Mr. McCluskey for counsel.

Mr. Neff reported that Mr. Gohl would be signing contracts soon and funding would be 50% of the administrative grants and budget amendments including the 3rd and 4th quarter payments will be considered after the federal budget is passed.

Mr. Hamilton reported that ARC is working toward a fully electronic process for Area Development applications, approval payment, and closeout.

- The Program Operations Department of ARC is now the Division of Community Investment.
- Tom Smith, former ADH Director has been tapped as West Virginia's Secretary of Transportation.
- ARC continues to enhance their use of social media with 5,500 subscribers to date and ask that LDDs, state alternates and staff submit articles for News Clips which will be broken down by investment strategies.

The DDAA Board then presented Immediate Past President Dove with a gift of appreciation. Mr. Dove made comments about his time as President of the Association.

NADO Update

Susan Howard updated the Board on activities from Congress. Ms. Howard shared a PowerPoint presentation with the following information

- The Senate began a process through Budget Reconciliation to repeal the Affordable Care Act.
- Expectations are that a Supreme Court nominee will be named in Feb/March
- Regulatory rollbacks are expected with the new administration
- Potential Tax Reform through an IRC restructure
- In an attempt of manufacturers repatriation, importing taxes and a trade debate are expected
- A 1TT Infrastructure proposal has been discussed by the administration
- The FY17 continuing resolution will expire on 4/28
- If a FY18 budget were to be released by the new administration, it would take place 2/8 but isn't expected
- Expect increases in defense spending and a decrease in discretionary spending
- Debt Ceiling deadline 3/17
- There are 1,200 positions in the federal government that need senatorial approval

Training Committee Report

Misty Casto presented the Training Committee report including that the DDAA's contract with NADO has been increased to reflect the added responsibilities taken on by NADO including registration for our conferences and trainings. There are 60 registrants for tomorrow's professional development training. The Professional Development training scheduled for April will take place at the Westin on West 16th

Street in Cincinnati, Ohio. The Carl Vincent Institute is interested in participating again. An evening event to watch the Cincinnati Reds play on Tuesday night is being planned for an extra charge.

DDAA Conference Update

Richard Zink provided an update for the DDAA Conference in March. The draft agenda includes a focus on workforce development and education. POWER awardees will also be part of the agenda. Ms. Casto suggested that moderators tout the DDAA's Peer to Peer program following each presentation to market the underutilized program. He reminded officers that the schedule of MC'ing events are as follows: J Hemmings, Sunday Dinner; J Baldwin, Monday Breakfast; R Zink, Monday Lunch; J Foys, Tuesday Breakfast. The group discussed the potential overlap of NADO and DDAA breakout sessions as well as potential speakers for Sunday night's dinner.

DDAA Strategic Plan

The group had a final discussion on the 2020 Strategic Plan. The topic of an Executive Consultant to support the operations of the DDAA was also discussed. Items discussed were job description, contractor or employee, budgetary constraints, is it necessary to have a legislative advocate, an operational leader or both. The subcommittee will continue its work on all these areas and report back to the board.

Old/New Business

First Vice President Zink updated the group on the Summer Board meeting. It will take place in Corning, NY on July 16, 17, 18 ~~19~~. Mr. Zink suggested that we condense the meetings into two days instead of three following the same schedule of this meeting. The group discussed the idea as well as making one board meeting two days and the other three based on agenda and content. It has been discussed in the past to make the meetings open to presentations for the hosting state's LDDs. This was well received and will be considered.

Closing Comments

President Hemmings wished everyone safe travels and the meeting was adjourned at 2:20pm without objection.

Respectfully submitted by

Jill Foys, DDAA Secretary