



**APATXMW
Board Meeting
December 11, 2020
1:00pm – Microsoft Teams Meeting**

Abra Nusser,
AICP
Director

- 1) **Roll Call:** Called to order at 12:03pm. Members present included Abra, Travis, Tamara, Brian, Ezra, David, Jenny, and JP.

David Hawkins,
AICP
Director-Elect

- 2) **Approval of Outstanding Minutes (emailed by JP):** Brian motioned to approve the minutes as written, David seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Travis Liska,
AICP
Treasurer

- 3) **Discussion/Action Items**
a. **Strategic Plan 2021:** Abra opened the floor to the board members to discuss potential direction of the Midwest Section in 2021. Abra explained that there is not much pressure being put on the section for engagement at the moment. Jenny proposed that a decompression year may be a good solution. Travis discussed land use & transportation planning task force events that were scheduled in the near future.

JP Ducay
Secretary

- 4) **Past Events/Meetings:** No items were discussed.

Laura Enlow
Communications
Coordinator

- 5) **Future Events/Activities**
a. **Future City:** Abra and Tamara informed Board members that they had agreed to match last year's budget for Future City this year. Tamara is volunteering as the Midwest special award judge. However, there have been some delays because of virtual requirements the event must follow. Tamara will have more information later, but knows an additional judge will be needed. David volunteered to be a judge for the competition.

Tamara Cook,
AICP
Immediate Past
Director

- b. **Calendar/Events:** Abra conferred with the Board about scheduling a TX-League conference call after the legislative sessions to discuss the new bills. All of the Board members agreed. Abra opened the floor for early discussions regarding the awards banquet and student scholarships. Board members determined the scholarships should range from \$500-1,000 for each award. As for the awards banquet, the options discussed included April, June or September. The Board agreed that September may be the best option if an in-person event is desired for the banquet. Brian, Ezra, and Abra discussed scheduling University Speaker sign-ups for February.

Jenny Crosby,
AICP
Professional
Development
Officer

- 6) **Officer Reports**

- a. **Director:** Abra is keeping open communication with organizations interested in working with the Midwest Section.
b. **EPL:** Looking forward to getting University Speaker scheduled.
c. **UTA SPA:** Hoping there will be more event flexibility in 2021.
d. **Treasurer:** Account balance is at \$8,371.29. The Midwest section made \$1,171.82 from the Awards banquet. Awards plaques cost \$250 and the scholarship was for \$1,000. In November we paid \$300 to Future Cities.
e. **Secretary:** No updates.
f. **Communications:** Need to send out a News Letter. Send any information you think should be included in it.
g. **Professional Development:** No updates.
h. **Director-Elect:** No updates.

Brian Campbell
EPL
Representative

Ezra Pratt
University of
Texas at
Arlington
Representative

- 7) **Future Agenda Topics:**

- Elected and appointed officials.
 - Planning and State conferences.
 - Further conversation about the upcoming 2021 calendar.
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