



American Planning Association
Texas Chapter | Midwest Section
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Minutes of the TX APA Midwest Section

September 7, 2018

1:30 p.m.

Meeting opened at 1:32 pm via conference call.

Present: Tamara Cook, Director
Abra Nusser, Director Elect
Travis Liska, Treasurer
Jenifer Reiner, Secretary
Danielle Stellrecht, EPL Emerging Planning Leaders Representative
Eleana Tuley, Communications Coordinator
Jenny Crosby, Professional Development Officer

I. Approval of Minutes:

Motion made by Director Elect, Abra Nusser, to approve July 27, 2018 minutes. Second by Travis Liska, Treasurer. Unanimously approved.

II. Director Updates:

- A. State Awards Review Committee – Travis Liska, Treasurer, provided an overview. Forty (40) awards received; very competitive process. Every section participated in the review of the rewards this year facilitated by new process. Danielle Stellrecht also represented Midwest Section.
- B. August/September Call for Applications Conference Travel Stipend – Because there are no applications, Board will give funds to support Student Planning Association at UTA.
- C. State Conference, October 17-19 in Galveston – Several Board members will attend.

III. Past Events:

- A. Elected and Appointed Officials Training – August 9/10:
 - 1. 2-day Event:
 - a. ULI Urban Plan on Thursday, August 9
 - b. Officials Training on Friday, August 10
 - 2. At DFW Airport Headquarters (new venue)

- B. Collaborative Event on August 28 at Tyler Street Station in Oak Cliff District – attended by Eleana Tuley, Travis Liska, Jenifer Reiner, and Tamara Cook. Midwest Section supported the event with \$300. Very well attended by a variety of development professionals.
- C. NCTCOG Career Fair/White Settlement – September 5. Attended by Tamara Cook, Director. She talked to 1200 students about the Planning Profession. Another event will be held in Dallas next May 2019.

IV. Future Events:

- A. Service Project in early September (Garden)
 - 1. Saturday, September 8, 9 am to 12 noon
 - 2. Tarrant Area Food Bank Garden
 - 3. Seven volunteers from Midwest SE
 - 4. Maintain garden and then lunch.
- B. Resilient Series - Part 3: Planning for Disaster Management – *Urban Wildfires*
 - 1. September 19; 11:30 am – 1:30 pm
 - 2. Bruce Woods with Texas A&M Forest Service
 - 3. NCTCOG Transportation Council conference room
 - 4. Eleana Tuley, Communications Coordinator, will send out another notice; Jenifer Reiner, Secretary, will forward directly to contacts at private companies.
- C. Awards Committee:
 - 1. September 21 for Board
 - 2. Conference call and in person meeting at NCTCOG
 - 3. Travis Liska, Treasurer, provided an update with the way the state plans to revamp the reward categories to align with the national award categories. Midwest Section Board will consider new categories to align with State categories. Awards Committee will be established as a result of the Board decision.
- D. Focus North Texas:
 - 1. February 8, 2019
 - 2. Irving Convention Center
 - 3. Co-sponsored with North Central Section
 - 4. Abra Nusser, Director-Elect, provided an update about the combined meeting of the Midwest and North Central Sections on Wednesday, September 5. North Central Board voted unanimously to collaborate with the Midwest Section to plan and program the event next February. An Event Committee composed of members from each section will be established.

- V. Officer Reports
 - A. Director – see above and the following:
 - 1. Midwest Section will continue to increase coordination with Student Association with UTA
 - 2. UNT will add an undergraduate Planning program to start next year.
 - B. Director-Elect – Website update: In the process of design and now prioritized to promote FNT 2019. Site will include two (2) plugins
 - C. EPL – Coordination Mentorship Mashup with Monica/Kimley-Horn. Another Lattes and Leadership in October.
 - D. PDO – No additional report.
 - E. Secretary – No additional report.
 - F. Communications Coordinator – No additional report.
 - G. Treasurer – Account balance is \$6,755.06.
 - H. Programs Chair (volunteer) – Vacant
- VI. Next Board Meeting: after State Conference
- VII. Adjourned at 2:15 pm.