

APA Florida
Annual Business Meeting Notes
September 8, 2015
5:30 pm
Diplomat Ballroom 3, Hollywood, Florida

Welcome and Introductions

Melissa Zornitta, Chapter President, called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm. A total of thirty people were in attendance. Melissa Zornitta welcomed attendees.

State of the Chapter

Melissa Zornitta provided update regarding Chapter activities. Major goals include increasing membership numbers, enhancing communications with members, ensuring members experience value from their membership, and increasing awareness in planning. APA Florida is the second largest chapter in the nation with 2500 members. A big focus of APA Florida Executive Committee has been on communication. The chapter created an ad hoc position for communications and hired Patty Shea as a communications manager. APA Florida moved to an electronic format for the newsletter allowing us to provide more in depth articles. APA Florida created an emerging topics committee to address upcoming hot topics. They will be conducting a survey. In addition, the Chapter provided a full day AICP exam preparation course. The Executive Committee is developing a CM partner program with related organizations and the Young Planners Group started a Great Places in Florida program. Mt. Dora was the winner last year. In addition, the Legislative Policy Committee continued to be a reputable resource to legislative committees.

Melissa reported there were over 650 pre-registrants for the conference and acknowledged Alex Magee's for her dedication to the Chapter as the Executive Director.

Presentation of Legislative Programs and Policies

Andre Anderson presented the 2016 APA Florida Legislative Program, Position and Policy Statements. Andre thanked Lester Abberger for his work and leadership as the Chapter Legislative Advisor. Andre summarized the changes to the platform, which were minor in scope. Changes included adding a statement regarding fracking to the energy policy and adding more specificity to the language regarding Amendment 1.

Mary Kay Peck made a motion to approve the legislative program. The motion was seconded by Allison Stetner. Vote: All in favor.

Presentation of Strategic Operation Plan

Melissa Zornitta presented the 2016 Strategic Operational Plan.

Allison Stetner made a motion to approve the Strategic Operation Plan. The motion was seconded by Alex David. Vote: All in favor.

Financial Update and Presentation of Proposed Budget

Ryan Morrell presented the proposed budget. The budget is zero based budget, with total revenues and expenditures of \$562,410.00. Much of our expenditures go towards professional development. This budget increases grant funding and YPG funding. Some of the Chapter savings were invested into a CD ladder.

Brian Teeple made a motion to approve the budget. The motion was seconded by Henry Bittaker. Vote: All in favor.

Presentation of New Executive Committee Members and Bylaw Changes Results

Melissa Zornitta reported that the bylaw amendments were approved. Melissa Zornitta thanked outgoing section chairs and welcomed incoming section chairs and recognized the Executive Committee.

Other Business

Melissa Zornitta asked attendees if there was any other business. Karen Hamilton announced there was an interactive map on the web site regarding the conference site. Melissa thanked the conference host section.

Melissa Zornitta adjourned the meeting.