



July 25, 2014

## **July Meeting Minutes**

### **APA-MD Chapter: 7/25/14 Meeting**

**Time:** 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

**Location:** The Engineers Club,  
West Mount Vernon Place  
Baltimore, MD

Due to technical difficulties there was no quorum. A discussion ensued of general items not requiring a quorum

Discussion on several items including the need to check Executive Committee roster to make certain all email addresses are correct and for MDP to forward an article to Shuba Adhikari on the state's IRR effort for the upcoming Maryland Planner newsletter.

The meeting was called to order at 10:24 a.m.

### **Attendees:**

(In Room) JS, JN, LG, MG, , Dr. Sen, Demond Brightful  
Jackie Seneschal – President  
Jim Noonan - Treasurer  
Lauren Good - Statewide Representative  
Megan Griffith – Student Representative Morgan State University  
David Whitaker – Secretary  
Dr. Siddhartha Sen - Faculty Representative Morgan State University  
Shubha Adhikari – Newsletter Representative  
Andrew Bernish – MDP Representative  
Aviva Brown - Student Representative UMD College Park

(Call In)  
Pat Haddon – President Elect  
Rafey Subhani – Vic President  
Jacqui Rouse – Professional Development Officer  
Kyle Nembhard - Member-at-Large Metro Area  
David Dahlstrom – Eastern Shore Representative

### **Old Business**

Minutes for previous months will be forwarded to the Executive Committee within the next two weeks.

### **New Business**

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Discussion of Committee Structure – Lauren Good recommended that the Young Planners Committee be changed to “Emerging Planners.” There was consensus on this recommendation. There was discussion of whether the chapter should have an Awards Committee: Lauren suggested “Great Places in Maryland” to focus on outcomes rather than plans or projects. Dr. Sen requested that Student Awards be resurrected by the chapter. Another suggestion was that an Awards Committee be kept in the chapter bylaws. It was requested that a formal place be kept in the bylaws for a “Conference Committee.” Additionally, it was requested that the bylaws include a “Newsletter Committee” which is currently not listed as a committee. Shubha Adhikari stated that the chapter newsletter should be a “tool of communication” rather than a separate entity. Perhaps the chapter should consider a “Communications Committee.” Jackie Seneschal stated that communications and broadening the membership are key: “The chapter will be a stronger organization if we can involve more people.”

Discussion of Meetings and the Use of the Engineers Club – Jackie Seneschal recommended that the chapter reserve the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of every month at the Engineers Club for a monthly presentation/speaker series with hors d'oeuvres and refreshments. The speaker series should be eligible for CM credits and be open to professionals throughout Maryland. The speaker series should involve a reception and be in the \$15 a person price range. There was general consensus that this is an excellent proposal and that this will be pursued. The speaker series should begin on Wednesday August 20<sup>th</sup>. We will arrange an event and notify the membership. On another matter, we need to know who will be attending scheduled chapter meetings at the Engineers Club at least three days ahead of time in order to arrange refreshments.

Activities Committee Report – Rafey Subhani discussed a proposed “Green Building Tour” as well as a Tour of Mount Vernon which is being coordinated with Laurie Feinberg in the city. The Activities Committee will meet next Wednesday in Millersville.

Annual Meeting and Dinner – To be scheduled for Thursday, September 18, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. at the Engineers Club. The Board meeting will be Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup>.

There being no further business Jim Noonan made motion to adjourn which was seconded by David Whitaker. This was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:56 a.m.