May Meeting Minutes

APA-MD Chapter: 2/21/14 Meeting
Conference Call

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

Attendees:
(On Conference Call)
Jackie Seneschal – President
Jim Noonan – Treasurer
Dr. Siddhartha Sen - Faculty Representative Morgan State University
David Whitaker – Secretary
Rafey Subhani – Vice President
Lauren Good, Young Planners Rep
Kyle Nembhard - Member-at-Large Metro Area
Pat Haddon - Member-at-Large Southern Maryland
Jacqui Rouse – Professional Development Officer
Megan Griffith – Student Representative Morgan State University
Andrew Bernish – MDP Representative
Aviva Brown - Student Representative UMD College Park

Old Business

Dr. Sen noted that we will have a recommendation for Academic Grants to Maryland planning programs for the June meeting.

Discussion of the work of the Bylaws Committee. Pat Haddon suggested that we continue to employ divisions based on the “geographies” in Maryland. Jim Noonan noted the existing bylaws excludes Montgomery and Prince George’s Counties. Our membership is not restricted to geographies. Jackie Seneschal noted that any APA member can become a member or officer. She noted that since the President-Elect position will succeed the chapter President, the President-Elect position should then be “in training” for the President position. Jim Noonan suggested that we examine what we can do for “chapter only members.”

Jackie Seneschal noted that APA National has just selected James Drinan as the new Executive Director. James Drinan has had a long career in association management and will succeed Paul Farmer, FAICP who served for 13 years as APA’s Executive Director.

Discussion ensued about the recently concluded APA National Conference in Atlanta.

Jackie Seneschal spoke briefly with two potential board members and will come back in June with recommendations for positions. She mentioned coordination with Rodger Lentz who is our regional AICP
commissioner. There was also discussion of the New Partners for Smart Growth Conference which is planned for Baltimore in later January 2015.

**New Business**

**Annual Meeting** – Jackie Seneschal suggested late September, October or early November for the Maryland Chapter’s Annual Meeting. Recommend hosting this event at the Engineers Club with a keynote speaker and offer this for CM credits. Can we ask the Governor to attend our Annual Meeting? We would like to obtain sponsorships to help defray the costs of this event.

**Southern Maryland Report** – Pat Haddon noted that she is preparing to step into the role as President-Elect and that a new Southern Maryland representative will be recommended. The Southern Maryland LGE will be in North Beach and they expect over 100 attendees for this event.

**Activities Report** – Rafey Subhani noted that over 40 persons attended the recent Port of Baltimore Tour. Unfortunately, some could not pass the security check to tour the port facilities and this was a drawback. There is currently discussion of an activity focused on the Mt. Vernon Square redevelopment.

**Treasurer’s Report** – Jim Noonan discussed outlays and current revenues. The March 2014 ending balance was $62,400.

**Website Report** – Andrew Bernish noted that there have been a lot of hits this year. We had 1,600 hits on the website last month. Jobs are still the big draw. Also, we have had a lot of hits on our events page.

**Eastern Shore Report** – Jackie Seneschal noted that the Eastern Shore LGE has over 40 attendees and was quite successful for the inaugural LGE event on the Maryland Eastern Shore.

**Metro Region Report** – Kyle Nembhart noted that the Metro Region is scheduled for June 10th at the Miller Library in Howard County. Currently, 61 persons have registered. Will send on last reminder email out and this has been submitted for CM credits.

**Morgan State University Report** – Dr. Sen noted that MSU will be hosting MDP’s Maryland Planning Directors event on June 5th. Also, MSU’s planning program graduated four students this Spring. Information will be sent out regarding a lecture event by a town planner for Helsinki, Finland.

Discussion ensued on the topic of chapter awards and the development of criteria for this. We would like to reward the outcome of a planning effort instead of a specific product or plan.

Next Meeting tentatively scheduled for June 20, 2014

Motion made to adjourn the meeting. Motion approved.

The meeting adjourned at 12 noon