



Board Meeting – August 21, 2015
ICF International
1 Ada, Suite 100, Irvine
8:00 AM – 9:30 AM

Orange Section

Minutes

Attendees:

Charles Smith	Sanjoy Mazumdar
Starla Barker	Christina Martinez
Nick Chen	Bill Rodrigues
Belinda Deines	Stephanie Roxas
Chris Dominguez	Alison Walker
Tim Erney	

Absentees:

Dana Privitt	Arlene Grandosin
Michelle Halligan	Will Hoose
Lindsey Horn-Ortega	Jennifer Lilley

8:00am Call to Order

Minutes

Charles moved to approve the July 2015 minutes. Nick seconded the approval. All voted to approve.

Discussion Items/Reports

- a. UCI MURP Alumni Council Board: Mentorship Program
 - Belinda gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding the proposed APA-Orange Section Mentorship Program. She presented documents including the draft mentor and protégé guides, and draft e-blast flyer to seek mentors. Belinda distributed electronic copies of the documents after the meeting and is soliciting comments and suggestions within the next two weeks regarding best practices. The program is slated for launch in October 2015. The next step is to finalize the documents and seek out mentors.
 - Belinda is seeking individuals interested in joining the Mentorship Program Subcommittee. A slide on the PowerPoint summarizes the Subcommittee tasks. To date, the following people have expressed interest: Starla Barker (APA Board of Directors), Nick Chen (OCYPG), and Mina Brown (UCI MURP Alumni Council).

b. OC YPG and Students

- Nick advised that an open Board meeting has been scheduled for late-September. The focus of the meeting will be to confirm participant interest and engagement. New Board positions are anticipated to include Education, External Affairs, and Historian.
- Alison and Christina advised that a half-day student workshop is scheduled for October. The program is anticipated to cover “planning basics.”

c. AICP

- Starla reported that three members of the Orange Section passed the May 2015 exam. Nationwide, a total of 556 candidates took the exam, with a pass rate of 68%.
- Up to 11 members of the Orange Section have expressed interest in taking the November 2015 exam. Starla plans to organize a study session for the candidates.

d. Programs

- Stephanie advised that the September 16 lunch program will focus on economic development, featuring guest speaker David Bergman of consulting firm Metropolitan Research + Economics.
- Caltrans has made available for OCAPA two invitations to attend a training session on Sept. 16-17 regarding community involvement and communication in planning. Stephanie confirmed that the two invitations have already been claimed, but that additional spots may become available.

e. Special Events

- Charles advised that OCAPA will have a tabletop space at the October 22 Planning Directors Association of Orange County (PDA/OC) event. Will Hoose has some APA collateral material that may prove helpful; Charles will request the materials for review. OCAPA Board members planning to attend PDA/OC are encouraged to represent APA at the tabletop space during event breaks. Dana and Charles plan to attend; please contact them if interested and available.
- Stephanie and others expressed interest in exploring attendance at UC Irvine’s entry in the U.S. Department of Energy Solar Decathlon 2015. The competition will be held at the Orange County Great Park in Irvine. Sanjoy provided some information and requested that interested Board members contact him for details. The Solar Decathlon could also be considered as a lunch program topic.
- The Board still needs to identify a date and location for the 2015 Holiday Party.

f. Membership Update

- Dana is working with Will on this topic. No new information is available at this time.

g. Bob Goldin Scholarships

- No new information is available at this time.

h. Volunteer Opportunities

- No new information is available at this time.

i. Golf Tournament Recap

- Tim reported that the golf tournament was a success, and was well-attended. Participants included the International Code Council (ICC), PDA, and APA.

j. Open Board Positions: Diversity; Planning Commissioner; CPF

- Charles reported that the three board positions remain open, and he distributed descriptions of these positions. He advised that, per Dana, the Section Directors did not have a call last month so there was nothing to report regarding the pros/cons of adding the Planning Commissioner position to the Board.
- Belinda advised that she has received interest from two applicants for the Diversity position.

k. OCAPA Board Elections

- Charles advised that it is time to start planning for elections, highlighting that the Orange Section needs to get its election-related activities better aligned with APA's schedule. Positions up for election are: Vice Director of Programs, Vice Director of Membership, and Section Director. Charles distributed the election procedures from the OCAPA Bylaws, and reviewed upcoming dates: Sep 1 (form Election Committee), Oct 10 (receive candidate nomination petitions), Nov 15 (return voting ballots to the Tally Committee), and Jan 1 (New Board assumes office).
- Charles advised that three or more volunteers are needed from the Board to form the Election Committee. Tim Erney expressed interest in participating. Charles asked that other Board members advise their interest within the next few weeks.

Other Reports and Announcements

None

9:30: Adjourn

Next Meeting: Friday, September 18 at 8:00 am