



**MARYLAND RECREATION & PARKS ASSOCIATION**  
**Executive Board and Council Meeting**  
**May 5, 2021 ZOOM**

Board & Council Members Present: Charlyn Simpson, Anna Gossage, Carrie Sprinkle, Corey Smith, Holly Harden, Jen Jennings, Jen Mogus, Jordan Perry, Joy Weir, Kelley Day-Terry, Marybeth Dugan, Matt Purkins, Michele Potter, Mike Coppersmith, Robbin Oden, Shawn Beaumont, Shawnte Berry, Sheema Hai, Sheryl Roff, Courtney Weinstock, Jessica E. Cook-Thomas, Julija Sajauskas, Kori Jones, Nancy Pfeffer, Terri Hilton  
MRPA Office Staff Present: Chuck Montrie, Adrienne Varieur, Armeana Street

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 2:04 PM
- II. **Adoption of Agenda / Approval of Minutes** Kori Jones made a motion to approve, Julija Sajauskas Second
- III. **MRPA Executive Director & Office Report**
  - a. \$120,000 budget deficit due to lack of amusement park ticket sales, we need a new financial model
  - b. Applied for Payroll Protection Funds for a second time
  - c. Annual Conference location will move to the Clarion
- IV. **Board Reports**
  - a. President
    - i. Committees invite Terri and Jessica E. Cook-Thomas to your meetings
    - ii. Committees – email Adrienne to get your activities/meetings on the calendar
    - iii. Check your committee descriptions on the website, change / update as needed
  - b. President Elect: Summer General Membership Meeting at Conquest Beach
  - c. Past President: No report
  - d. Vice President: Working on Winter General Membership Meeting
  - e. Secretary: Email Committee Reports to me
  - f. Treasurer/Treasurer-Elect: We are up overall \$97,748 in our accounts compared to last year, but down in \$84,000 in checking.
  - g. Racial Justice, Social Equity, and Inclusion Officer: No report
- V. **Committee Reports**
  - a. Awards (Including Member of the Quarter Nominations): Just finished traveling around the state surprising award winners.
    - i. Members of the Quarter Awards

- ii. Agency Showcase Award Luncheon possibly moved to Fall 2021
- b. Finance: The April MRPA Account Statement value is \$980,501.40, an increase of \$24,925 over the March Statement. The compound rate of growth is averaging 6.6% year to date, which is a good return on our investment.
- c. Legislative:
  - i. HB 321 Adult Changing Facilities – this bill passed and will require changing facilities in certain public buildings built or significantly altered after October 1, 2022.
  - ii. HB 581 Labor and Employment Standards During an Emergency – it is unknown how this bill may directly or indirectly impact Recreation & Parks in the future.
- d. Marketing: Send items to Terri or Adrienne to post on social media for now, new Community Connections Page
- e. Member Engagement & Outreach: No Report
- f. Professional Certification Board:
  - i. Currently working on one request for CEU approval
  - ii. We are currently looking for a new PCB member preferably someone in the TR community with either a CPRP or CTRS.
- g. Professional Learning Community: We had a spring blast of PLC meetings, break for the summer
- h. Professional Standards: No Report
- i. Ritch Stevenson Leadership Institute: Committee members are all LI alums. To continue to improve LI, we were looking for ways to evolve the program to best meet the needs of the participants. Some of our changes for this year is the first meeting will not be the retreat, that will be in October at Camp Letts. Another area that we have addressed was a need for more diversity in speakers and locations. A third focus area was more participant engagement. We are having facilitated panels, location tours, and interactive experiences. We are looking for opportunities to promote financial assistance through the Scholarship and SJREI committees.
- j. Leadership Institute II (LI2): Our theme is Educate. Engage. Empower. Program kicks off with a retreat in early December with team building and educational sessions. Educational opportunities will focus on: Project Development and Management, Connecting with Elected Officials and Political Savvy, Team Management, Enhancing Soft Skills, DEI, Mentoring and Coaching, and more. We are working on a fundraiser to offset educational programs and retreats.
- k. Scholarship: We have received and approved one Rubini Scholarship request.
- l. Sponsorship & Resource Development: No report
- m. Training and Education:
  - i. Total Training and Education Committee Sessions: 24 sessions, 1822 total attendees
  - ii. Total PLC Sessions: 25 sessions, 1004 total attendees
  - iii. Total General Membership Meetings: 3 meetings, 468 total attendees
  - iv. Total Social Events: 3 events, 117 total attendees
  - v. Total Non-MRPA Trainings: 3 trainings, 106 total attendees

- vi. Total Virtual Registrations: 3,400 – aiming for similar numbers, if not better this year!
- vii. Current Committee Goals:
  - Develop year-long training framework
  - Find additional hosts/facilitators
  - Plan return to in-person
  - Assess current training needs
  - Talking money / fees for trainings
- n. Social Justice, Racial Equity, and Inclusion: Wants to be embedded in the organization. Will work closely with the Training and Education Committee
- o. RALS Branch: Planning a Redeye Social, RALS Oriole Game, Sports Tournaments
- p. TR Branch: no report
- q. PARC Branch: no report
- r. Conference Committee: Looking for committee members

**VI. Old Business**

**VII. New Business**

- a. Scheduled times for Committees via Sign Up Genius
- b. Bio and picture in the Google drive

**VIII. Meeting Adjournment 3:05 PM**