DAPA Council Monthly Meeting  
Wednesday, May 25, 2016
9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
176 Graham Hall  
University of Delaware  
111 Academy Street, Newark, Del.

Participating: Kathy Murphy (President), David Bird (VP), Chris Kelly (2nd VP), Martin Wollaston (Treasurer), Angie Kline (Council), Julia O’Hanlon (Council), Sarah Pragg (Council), Kelly Sherretz (Council), Jonathan Justice (Past President)

I. Approval of the last Council Meeting Summary

Minutes from the April 27 meeting were approved as amended (8 Y, 0 N, 0 A).

II. Treasurer’s Report

Martin reported that there were no significant changes from last month’s statement. ASPA provided DAPA with a check for current members, and it was deposited into the account. Council members asked if ASPA included members that paid for a lifetime membership are included in the check provided to DAPA for current members; however, nobody was certain if this was the case.

There were no changes in statement from last month, so no new report was provided by Martin. Received check from ASPA for current members (45 members), has been deposited. About $93 expense for PSRW event. Had three dues paid for DAPA. Balance about what it is.

III. ASPA/DAPA Membership Update

Kelly provided a membership update. At the time of the meeting, there were 54 ASPA members, and 25 DAPA (only) members. Kelly will send out emails to all new DAPA members to acknowledge receipt of their membership form.

IV. ASPA Update re: Constitution Revisions

The revisions were sent to ASPA, and they had a few questions about changes related to officers and elections. ASPA said that the changes are fine and that the only substantive change is in article 9 section 2.

Ideally, the vote will take place in September after ASPA approves a final copy of revisions. The ballot will be sent to all members via Qualtrix with a two-week deadline for votes. All members voted in support of the constitutional amendments.
V. ASPA Initiatives

Tonya Neaves (District 2 representative to ASPA council) has offered to help with recruitment, programming and networking and Melissa Jun has recently been hired as the new chapter and section coordinator.

Council also decided to participate in ASPA’s Memos to Leaders initiative, which is aiming to bring attention to state and local policy/management issues to elected officials during a time of transition.

A survey will be sent out to members after the constitution revisions and vote are completed. The survey will include public policy themes that are styled as a recommendation (Ex. Strengthening public finance) and members will be asked to offer comment and select which ones they deem see as priority issues.

VI. DAPA News Update

Chris provided an update on DAPA news and also discussed the addition of an option for website visitors to opt in to the DAPA mailing list.

VII. PSRW Event Report

The PSRW event had a great turnout. Chris sent thank you emails out to all individuals who attended that were not DAPA members.

VIII. Third Thursdays Update

Third Thursdays will continue for the summer at the Speakeasy. Mike Bowman was announced as the speaker for the June event.

The next Council meeting is TBD.

Respectfully submitted by Chris Kelly.