

DAPA Council Meeting
March 7, 2019
1:00-2:00 PM
University of Delaware
176 Graham Hall

Meeting Summary

Participating: Gene Dvornick (President), Leann Moore (Vice-President), Evan Miller (Secretary), Martin Wollaston (Treasurer), Fiona Mulligan (At-Large Member), Sonya Sedegui (At-Large Member), Debbie Pfiel (At-Large Member), and Julia O’Hanlon (At-Large Member)

Absent: Brian Billings (At-Large Member)

Agenda:

Minutes from January 16, 2019 DAPA Council meeting

- A motion to approve minutes was made by Leann and seconded by Julia.
- **Vote:** Unanimous approval

Setting a standing meeting time (for next 6 months)

- After discussion, the group agreed the meet the first Thursday of every month at 9:00 a.m. The group will still be provided with the opportunity to dial in to meetings.
- Martin cautioned that 9:00 a.m. may result in a lack of quorum.
- Leann will send calendar invites to the group.
- Leann recommended council members attend a minimum number of meetings per year. Currently have 8 meetings a year so the requirement would be that council members attend at least 6 meetings either in person or by phone. Group agreed.

Setting Responsibilities and Accountability

- Sonya created a team drive. Anyone can put things in there for the group and have access.
- Leann asked who is responsible for creating agenda and membership reports.
 - Gene will work with Leann to create agendas a week before each meeting.
 - Fiona will generate membership reports once Leann shows her how to do it.
- Leann asked who will handle the membership drive
 - Fiona said that she will assist with the annual dinner. Gene, mentioned that Public Service Recognition Week is coming up May 5-11th. The group should try to engage more of the folks that are actively engaged in public service and recommended interviewing past DAPA award winners (i.e. Jennifer Cohen and Connie Holland) and post to DAPA’s social media and website what information they share about what they enjoy about public service. Debbie and Gene will work on this.
 - Gene recommended holding off on an e-newsletter until we have more information on things to share. Group agreed.
 - Third Thursday, Julia will handle, suggested advertising through SCAT. Get more information through questionnaire on what people would like for Third Thursday events. Council members should complete the survey after today’s meeting and provide feedback to Sonya. Leann, will include question about what people are looking to get from being a member of DAPA. Use the information for membership drives.

Membership Updates

- Leann mentioned that we currently have 58 members. If anyone has ideas on what DAPA should be moving forward, provide her with your comments. Leann has a goal of 150 members by the end of the year.
- Fiona said that public service also includes nonprofits, hospitals, etc., so the group should consider reaching out to these broader groups to gain members. Julia suggested that at the same time, we cannot be everything for everyone so gather information on what it is that people from the public sector are looking for. One of the goals of DAPA was to keep a finger on the pulse of public administration trends.
- Debbie shared that she felt DAPA is missing more of the discussion about professional development, current trends, and work-related topics.
- Martin mentioned that DAPA is more of an educational working group. Based on bylaws, DAPA cannot work to influence legislation. In the past, had a lot of membership at County level, however, National and State trends moved away from supporting professional membership dues.
- Leann asked for recommendations on what DAPA should focus on that would benefit members the most. Discussion ensued amongst the group about what topics would be of interest/benefit to members.
- Gene asked if it was possible to get emails from UD on those who have graduated with their MPA? He thought that it would be a great way to identify future speakers. According to FCC, Leann said that we cannot just add them to a distribution list for DAPA. Consider putting DAPA advertisement in current UD newsletter to graduates. The group also discussed having Third Thursday speakers that are former MPA graduates and talk about what they are doing.

Treasurer Update

- Martin reported that there is no update. DAPA is still waiting for the ASPA check.

Other Business

- Julia will be heading to the ASPA conference on Saturday, March 9. Casey Molnar from the State of Maryland and Phillip Carslile with ASPA were looking to connect with DAPA Members. Julia is hoping to bring back some ideas about how people out of the state have organized regional events.
- Next meeting April 4th at 9:00 a.m. and Leann will send a meeting invitation.
- Sonya will send the survey, all DAPA council members should review and provide any comments.

Adjournment