

DAPA Council Retreat and September Meeting Minutes

Friday, September 6, 2019

Noon- 3:00 P.M.

Paradee Center, Dover, DE

Participating: Leann Moore (Vice-President), Evan Miller (Secretary), Julia O'Hanlon (At-Large Member), Martin Wollaston (Treasurer), and Gene Dvornick (President).

Absent: Fiona Mulligan (At-Large Member) and Debbie Pfeil (At-Large Member)

Agenda

1. Approval of August Minutes

- a. A motion to approve the August minutes was made by Leann and seconded by Julia
- b. Vote: Unanimous approval

2. Review of ongoing Council Members' 2019 Roles & Responsibilities - Update for 2020 if necessary

- a. Leann is working on revising Council member duties and responsibilities with additional items highlighted in blue. She will send it out to review

3. DAPA Year in Review

- a. Currently DAPA has two at large positions open. Leann mentioned that with fewer council members, officers may be more likely to take on more responsibility and participate actively. DAPA Constitution states that "The President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and five Council members will be elected biennially." Discussion ensued about whether DAPA should consider amending the DAPA Constitution to reduce the required number of elected members. Currently, Chapter III. Section 2. requires that there be five members elected in addition to the four Chapter officers. Consider amending the requirement for five elected members to "up to three?" Any revisions would need to be send to ASPA for review. Leann made a motion to amend Chapter III. Section 2. to read "The President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and up to three Council members will be elected biennially" and to remove "No more than two Council positions may be filled by Chapter members appointed by the President; members in these positions will serve at the pleasure of the President." Julia, seconded. Unanimous approval.
- b. Regarding current membership, we have many more ASPA members (42) than actual DAPA members (5). Years ago there were many more DAPA-only members than ASPA, but that trend changed in the last decade and now there are very few DAPA-only members. There is a lot of work involved in trying to maintain, or grow DAPA-only membership, whereas ASPA takes care of all ASPA Delaware Chapter membership renewals. Also, there has always been an issue of "why join DAPA." Some of the

main benefits of the DAPA-only membership was networking and opportunities for colleagues to discuss PA matters. Those benefits are now available through many other alternatives, so “why join DAPA” has become more difficult to explain.

- c. Moving forward, refer to DAPA as either DAPA or as the Delaware Chapter for the American Society for Public Administration. Starting January 2020, DAPA membership will be through ASPA membership only; no longer DAPA membership separate. The two bank accounts will be merged into one and the Annual Certificate of Incorporation for Delaware will no longer be renewed. Leann will send an email to all Council members advising them of the changes discussed herein and ask for any comments on this major change to the organization.

4. Goal Setting for 2020

- a. Membership
 - i. Consider putting in bylaws that if Council members miss more than two meetings, they are removed from Council at the discretion of the President and Council.
 - ii. Draft a questionnaire for students and Student Association for Public Administration asking what they think would be of value to them.
- b. Events
 - i. Put together a master calendar
 - ii. Align DAPA specific events with national ASPA events
 - iii. Gene mentioned that the Sussex County Association of Towns meets monthly except for in the summer and gets presenters. Can DAPA do quarterly events where we have presenters? Members get in free, if you are not a member, you pay a small fee. Continue to do other events like awards, awards dinner, and public service recognition week.
 - iv. Leann’s idea was to have the outstanding student awardee provide a presentation at a DAPA quarterly event.
- c. Communications
 - i. Continue exploring ways to encourage DSU students to join DAPA.
- d. Other
 - i. Annual 2-hour retreat for DAPA Council?

5. Assigning Tasks and Responsibilities for New Initiatives

6. Annual Dinner

- a. Call scheduled for Tuesday of next week at 8:30 a.m. to discuss details.
- b. Consider STAR Campus? For Third Thursdays also?

- c. Do a less formal dinner? Have horderves only? Basket raffle? “Holiday Cheers”

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