

Northern Rockies URISA

Board Meeting Minutes ~ Thursday, March 19, 2020

Call To Order: 3:33 pm MST

Roll Call:

Present:

- President: Rob Marin
- President Elect: Kade Smith
- Treasurer: Kara Utter
- Secretary: Gina Price
- Member at Large: Pam Bond
- Member: Greg Newkirk
- **Absent:**
- Past President: Geoff Klein
- Member at Large: Cole Nelson
- Member: Dan Narsavage

Approval of Minutes:

Gina makes a motion to approve the February board meeting minutes and interim activity, Rob seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- Additional OneURISA discussion
 - Rob, Kara, and Cole have been reviewing the recommended edits to the by-laws sent from Stephen Berry. Some changes will include the member body voting on by-laws changes, we will no longer charge membership fees, add executive committee of specific board members.
 - Our organization is currently a 501(c)6 non-profit, but OneURISA specifies that chapters should be a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. We may have to change our designation.
 - When we join OneURISA our chapter territory would extend to the state of Montana.
- CoVid-19 updates from members on call.
 - Greg – office is still operating, but closed to the public in Madison County, ID.
 - Rob – Teton County, ID residents are concerned about losing their jobs and income. Teton Community Foundation (a non-profit) has set up a fund to support service workers.

- Kara – Valley County, ID county offices has also closed to the public, with several employees working remotely. They have also added information to a dashboard regarding which businesses are still open for carry-out and delivery, and where to find community services. Businesses are answering a Survey123 that feeds directly to the dashboard. The Survey123 link has been shared on the county social feeds, on websites, etc...
- Pam – Ada County, ID some employees are still working in City Hall, but some are working remotely. At the IGC-EC meeting this morning, some stated that they are working on data maps. Jan Cunningham from ESRI stated that ESRI is offering free 6 month HUB or ArcGIS Online account for COVID-19 response.
- Kade – work at BYU has increased trying to support students, and plan for summer.
- Gina – Kootenai County, ID many county offices have closed to the public, but are still working in the office answering phone calls and emails. We do not have enough resources for many employees to work from home.

Reports:

- President – nothing additional to report
- President Elect – nothing additional to report
- Past President – absent
- Secretary/Conf. Chair – Gina has met with the Coeur d’Alene Resort Sales Manager to review the contract. There are a couple items that need to be returned for consideration before she accepts the contract. The Resort dropped the conference room rental fee, and reduced the food and beverage minimum. Gina is going to request that the room rental fee waiver be reinstated, and the food and beverage minimum be returned back to the amount stated in the proposal. Greg expresses his concern about the long-term economic downturn and the impact it will have on approvals for government travel next year. Gina states that she will ask if the Sales Manager will remove or reduce the cancellation clause in the contract. And she will reach out to the other remaining venue hotels to see what their potential cancellation fees might be.
- Treasurer – nothing additional to report
- Member at Large – nothing additional to report
- Member at Large – absent

Next meeting:

Thursday, April 16, 2020 3:30 MST

Adjournment: 4:40 pm MDT

Pam makes a motion to adjourn. Kade seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

Addendum:

- Wednesday, March 25, 2020 Email from Dan Narsavage to Wendy Nelson asking if NR URISA has access to conference insurance through the parent organization.
 - Reply from Wendy stating the only insurance provided through URISA International is General Liability. If we want to purchase a separate conference cancellation insurance, we would have to do that on our own.