

VtPHA Board Meeting -- October 11, '07 Minutes

Present: Burt Wilcke, Debbie Dameron, Bob Costantino, Penrose Jackson, Brian Flynn, Joanne Fedele

Guest: Kelly Stoddard, Dir. Of Government Relations & Advocacy, ACS

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Topic	Summary	Action
Welcome & Intros	Kelly Stoddard of the ACS accompanied Debbie to this meeting. Welcome Kelly!	N/A
Grant	<p>Burt reports that the letter he received states that the funding was approved “subject to some modifications.” He will learn more about those “modifications” at the Grants Manager meeting at APHA Conference in DC in Nov. A total of 31 proposals were accepted / funded. Penrose agreed to do media release on grant approval.</p> <p>There is a schedule conflict at APHA regarding a mandatory grant meeting and a meeting of the Governing Council. Burt had intended to attend the latter, but now must attend the former as Grant Manager. Motion made, seconded and approved that VtPHA funds will be used to support Bob’s attendance at APHA. He can attend the Governing Council meeting while Burt is at the meeting for Grant Managers.</p>	<p>Penrose to do news release. She will also send copy to Joanne and/or Darlene that can be tweaked for NEK newspapers.</p> <p>Burt and Bob will both attend APHA Conference this year in DC so that these simultaneous meetings can be attended.</p>
Fall Seminar	As per previous communications, Dr. Charles Carpenter will be presenting and sharing the stage with Dr. Nils Daulaire. UVM has agreed to VtPHA as co-sponsor. The presentation will take place at Carpenter Auditorium on Monday, Nov. 26 at 4:30 to 6:00 PM, with a reception immediately following in Hoehl Gallery, HSRF. Our brochure should be revised by then and we could make copies available. Burt suggests, and all agree, that we offer a few hundred dollars to help defray expenses. Our offer may or may not be accepted, but the offer should be made.	<p>Penrose offered to make nametags for VtPHA Board Members who can attend. The nametags will have the VtPHA logo, and thereby some VtPHA presence will be demonstrated.</p> <p>THANKS PENROSE!</p>

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<p>Guest Speaker for Annual Meeting</p>	<p>As per previous communications, Debbie reports that the Peace & Justice Center at St. Mike's has been working on getting Dr. Paul Farmer to present on the St. Michael's Campus. They have \$5,000 to support the event. If VtPHA could supplement that with an additional \$1,000, VtPHA could be noted as a co-sponsor. The site would be one of the larger venues at St. Mike's. April is a better time for the college than May. If all agree, we might possibly be able to plan our annual meeting around that April presentation -- i.e., if he speaks in the afternoon, have a dinner meeting following his presentation at a nearby venue, or conversely, if he speaks in the evening, have our dinner meeting prior to the presentation. We can be flexible in that regard. It is also noted that it would be to VtPHA's advantage to share an event with an educational institution other than UVM, to demonstrate some variety.</p>	<p>All are in agreement with Debbie following up with the St. Mike's contact person for this event and pursuing this possibility. THANKS DEBBIE!</p>
<p>Board Membership</p>	<p>It was again noted that this is Bob's last year on the Board. He will have served a full six years (as per bylaws -- 3 terms of 2 years each). Joanne, Penrose, and Kathy have only one year left, starting June 2008. The terms of other members are noted in the June 2007 minutes. We should all be thinking of persons who can become board members soon so that any new persons have some experience on the Board, before the above three members leave the Board.</p>	<p>All members to consider potential names as new Board members.</p>
<p>Potential Strategies to Follow with New Grant Funding</p>	<p>Some discussion on how to proceed with grant funding when it is actually received. We have a strategic plan, a legislative plan, and will have the ability to hire an administrative assistant. What do we do first? All agreed that finding a capable admin assistant is the first thing to do. This will be challenging, and we will have to search. We also need to develop short and long term plans on how we will proceed.</p>	<p>More discussion is needed at the next meeting.</p>
<p>Legislative Session</p>	<p>It was noted that last year we asked Sharon Moffett to present on the legislative issues that are key and will be followed closely by VDH. This was helpful. It would be beneficial to do this again this year.</p>	<p>Discuss more fully at next meeting and establish a date with Sharon to attend a VtPHA Board Meeting.</p>

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<p>Next Meeting</p>	<p>Please note that we will NOT have our usual meeting in November. Bob and Burt will have just returned from APHA.</p> <p>Please plan, instead, to attend the Nov. 26 presentations by Drs. Carpenter and Daulaire.</p> <p>The NEXT VtPHA Board meeting will be on the FIRST Thursday in December -- December 6.</p>	<p>Please mark your calendars!</p> <p>See you on Nov. 26, and again on Dec. 6!</p> <p>Happy Autumn!</p>
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