

**VOLUNTEER LOUISIANA COMMISSION
PROVISIONAL MINUTES**

WEDNESDAY, December 13, 2017

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

STATE LIBRARY OF LOUISIANA

701 NORTH FOURTH STREET

BATON ROUGE, LA 70802

Commissioners Attending

Voting Members

Karen Moss-Barnes – Vice Chair

Sandra Cavalier

Kellie Duhon

Leslie Hill

Gwen Hilliard - Secretary

Mitzi Hochheiser – Chair

Lee Jeter

Angela Jouett

Patrick Lawler

Paul Pratt

Grant Shreiner

Kyle Wedberg

Ex-Officio Members

Jillian Winters, attending for Vickie Schenk,

CNCS State Office

Ex-Officio Members Absent

Vickie Schenk, *CNCS State Office*

John Bel Edwards, Governor

Billy Nungesser, Lt. Governor

Commissioners Absent

Carissa Graves

Kristan Gordon

Ryan Haynie

Julie LaFleur - Treasurer

Mark Vilar

Staff Attending:

Judd Jeansonne

Tammy Son

Stephanie Trahan

Kori Chisham

Staff Absent:

Jawonna Mason

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mitzi Hochheiser called the meeting to order at 10:15 AM. Roll call was conducted and a quorum was declared.

MINUTES

The minutes were reviewed and accepted as presented. Karen Moss-Barnes moved to approve the minutes, Angela Jouett seconded the motion; motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Judd Jeansonne presented the Treasurer's Report in Julie LaFleur's absence. Report included a funding stream overview and a review of activity with the Volunteer Generation Fund, State General Funds, Commission Support Grant, and the Commission Investment Fund. No questions were presented. Kyle Wedberg made a motion to accept the report as presented, Patrick Lawler seconded the motion; motion passed.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Mitzi Hochheiser reported on Volunteer Louisiana activities and the status of two commissioners, William Stout and Greta Jones. William Stout has resigned from the Commission to apply for a state AmeriCorps grant and Greta Jones has resigned to pursue other options. Leslie Hill has agreed to chair the Governance Committee. The Executive Committee is looking into Executive Director and Commission evaluations. Mitzi reminded the group to do the state Ethics training. Questions about the Anheuser-Busch service event were directed to Judd Jeansonne.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Judd Jeansonne introduced consultant/speaker Cole McMahon and new Commissioner Paul Pratt. Judd reported on the status of the OIG audit and introduced an updated logo for Volunteer Louisiana. Logo designs were reviewed by a commission ad-hoc committee. A motion to adopt the new logo was made by Patrick Lawler, Grant Schreiner seconded the motion; motion passed.

Judd reported the Volunteer Louisiana Foundation is operational as of October 6th and Jenny Korner is the President of the Foundation. The Foundation is working on the spring Gala. Voices for National Service has announced that the Lt. Governor, Sen. Cassidy, and Sen. Kennedy are all recipients of the Friends of National Service Awards. Discussion on membership with the Voices for National Service and sending a thank you letter. America's Service Commissions has announced a States for Service Leadership initiative; Mitzi will be the Commission representative and Maggie Cannaro, of Louisiana Delta Service Corps, the program representative. CNCS has announced a new CEO, Barbara Stewart, who has non-profit and state government background. The volunteer ID badge initiative with the Lt. Governor is moving forward. There was discussion on the criteria and roll out for the ID badge program.

Judd reported that Sen. Cassidy's office contacted Volunteer Louisiana about the Louisiana Conservation Corps (LACC) which will start up in 2018. Discussion on LACC and their operation in Louisiana.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Volunteerism/Disaster Services: Kellie Duhon reported on the Champions of Service Awards and the need for nominations in the Northeast part of the state. Angela Jouett presented on a panel at the Hurricane Harvey Convening in Austin, TX.

Governance: Leslie Hill reported that they are working on by-law language. They are also looking at the annual report (design & content) and commissioner training.

AmeriCorps Committee: FY18 State program RFP opened in August with the application deadline of November 17th. 18 total applications were received, 4 of which are formula

continuation applications. 14 applications reviewed for competitive consideration; 7 current/continuation applications and 7 new or re-compete applications (3 year cycle). Recommendation is to forward 8 applications, 7 continuation and 1 re-compete, for competitive consideration. Kyle Wedberg made a motion to move forward with the recommendations as presented, Kellie Duhon seconded the motion; Motion passed.

Jillian Winters announced that Vickie Schenk will retire from the CNCS state office at the end of December.

COMMISSIONER EDUCATION

Consultant Cole McMahon, with McMahon Consulting Group, spoke on Commission engagement. Takeaways included digging deeper into needy areas of the state, identifying through data and picking a target area, then figuring out skill sets/needs and begin assigning commission to target area.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45pm.