

International Affairs Division

Monthly Meeting

September 1, 2021

Attendees:

Ras Cannady

Lyndsey Deaton

Michael Kolber

Joanna Manson

Michelle Tullo

Carter Williams

Jing Zhang

Agenda:

World Town Planning Day- Michelle

Kate created a beautiful RFP that is now live. Jing has updated and posted on the division website. Michelle has sent to Sitwat to share on social media. Kate is handling contact with APA National for them to market; Michael asked Michelle to check in on this. The RFP is open until the end of September and applicants will hear by October 15 if they were selected. So far the Scoring Committee has five or six members and will meet in September to review the scoring rubric.

Student Grants- Lyndsey

Lyndsey made a Request for Proposals. Jing made the flier and updated the website. The deadline to apply is October 14. We're doing two grants and asking applicants to email Lyndsey their application in a PDF. This is up on the website. Lyndsey said she's just asking for support in getting the word out. She's sent it to her school University of Oregon but asked if other folks have contacts to other schools. Michael said we should send it to MIT.

Business Meeting- Michael

- Michael asked Lyndsey for them to have a call with Rajiv to see if he can present on membership for the business meeting. Lyndsey leaves Monday for Mongolia so Michael will reach out and try to arrange.
- Michael has raised some questions for discussion:
 - NPC 2022: Traditionally we have a Business Meeting and a Reception and we plan to have a Mobile Workshop in Mexico. This year the conference is going to be late in the year and RFP has not been released yet. Also in the past we discussed giving a scholarship for an international female student to come to NPC. Michael recommends that we do not do that this year given the pandemic, but revisit this in Feb/March of 2022 in preparation for the 2023 conference. We would need to get in touch with the Women in Planning Conference to co-sponsor and would need to do that before they set their budget at their Business Meeting. Ras said he is interested in championing this.

- World Town Planning Day: When it began a decade ago, virtual conferences were unique. Now they're daily events and we don't know if this is something we want to commit to doing in the future.
 - Lyndsey said that she has not participated previously and so can't say.
 - Carter said we had a past discussion of expanding to doing in-person events, maybe through regional coordinators, like in Canada. Michael said this could be something regional helps with, but this is an APA event and doesn't know how the coordination would work.
 - Michelle said she also has not participated previously but is unsure of the goal of this now when we have so many webinars and agrees with Michael about Zoom fatigue and agreed.
 - The group agreed to see how participation goes this year and then decide in the future what to do for 2022. We edited the Business Plan to reflect this.
- Policy and Advocacy Committee: Michael said that if Ras wants to attend this year we have that budgeted. Michael said to reach out to Janett and remind her about it. Michael asked Joanna to double-check the budget that there's money for it, and subtract out the \$8000 Maggie is still processing. If Ras attends he will have to report out on events from the conference in October.
- Virtual Book Club: Michael said we have never had a champion for this and have never activated this. Jing said he proposes to end this initiative. Michael said to cross this out and will show that to members at the Business Meeting to give them a last opportunity to show interest.
- Webinars: We spent the budget for this year. Michael will send the receipt to Joanna to budget the Zoom maintenance.
- New items added to Work Plan:
 - Planifiquemos: We made this a new item on the Work Plan. Michael also asked Jing to add the other items that he is spearheading (i.e. Japan Work Plan).
 - Humphreys Fellows
 - Sustainable Group
- Zoom Burnout: What can we do to stay active but not burn out membership on Zoom?
 - Lyndsey said that it's hard to know now because of the virus.
 - Michael said he thinks lots of people want to do outside activities. Lyndsey said her students don't want to do official outdoor events.

Regional Coordinators: What do we want to do this year?

- Evan (DC) sounds like he wants to do this ad-hoc.
- Michael said maybe we let each Regional Coordinator decide for their region.
- Michael asked if we should try recruiting for Dallas, Austin, LA, Chicago (?), San Francisco, Miami, Houston Atlanta, and Boston. Lyndsey said that she doesn't see interest; it was pulling teeth trying to get any interest in the spring.
- Michael said we can increase the budget to \$200 per event and set a cap on the amount to \$1000 per year. Joanna can check if there's money for this. If a coordinator wants to host a special event they can ask for more.
- When outdoor events become safely accepted across the country we will recruit new Regional Coordinators.
- Current coordinators are:
 - Troy Hayes is the coordinator for Europe.
 - Everyn and Katherine in NY.
 - Kate in the Pacific NW.

- Riley and Evan in DC.
- Evan Todd, a Regional Coordinator, had some thoughts:
 - The budget of \$100 for regional events is not enough.
 - Zoom fatigue is a real challenge these days, and regional membership is a good way to deal with this moving forward.
 - Regional coordinators could be good ways to coordinate communication with Jing to highlight regional events, possibly virtually.

Michael asked everyone to edit their own sections. He will send the link and remind others who need to. He will work on this over the weekend. This will be sent out to members along with an invitation to the Business Meeting next Tuesday. Michael also said he will be out of touch next week Tues-Thurs during the holidays.