

VOLUNTEER LOUISIANA COMMISSION
PROVISIONAL MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2017
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
STATE LIBRARY OF LOUISIANA
701 NORTH FOURTH STREET
BATON ROUGE, LA 70802

Commissioners Attending

Voting Members

Leslie Hill
Kristan Gordon
Carissa Graves
Karen Moss-Barnes – Secretary
Ryan Haynie (arrived after Roll Call)
Gwen Hilliard
Mitzi Hochheiser
Angela Jouett
Julie LaFleur
Patrick Lawler
Kathy Lenard
Grant Shreiner
William Stoudt - Chair

Ex-Officio Members

Vickie Schenk, *CNCS State Office*
Billy Nungesser, *Lt. Governor*

Commissioner Absent

Jeremy Babers
Dr. Jennifer Falls
Laurie Manley
Gene Grabbe
Jenny Korner - Vice Chair

Staff Attending:

Judd Jeansonne
Jawonna Mason
Tammy Son
Stephanie Trahan

Staff Absent:

None

Prior to the start of the meeting, Mr. Judd Jeansonne introduced Lieutenant Governor Billy Nungesser. The Lieutenant Governor stressed the importance of AmeriCorps and National Service and voiced the need to ensure funding for these valuable programs. In honor of National AmeriCorps Week, all commissioners, program representatives, and Volunteer Louisiana Staff captured that moment with a group picture with the Lt. Governor.

Executive Director, Judd Jeansonne, introduced Vickie Schenk, CNCS State Program Director/LA. She shared information about Mayor and County Recognition Day for National Service, which is April 4, 2017.

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair, Mr. William Stoudt, called the meeting to order at 10:22 AM. The Roll was called and 12 voting Commissioners were present; a quorum was declared. Each Commissioner was asked to introduce themselves.

MINUTES

The Minutes were reviewed and the following correction was notated: Mr. Grant Shreiner identified that his name was misspelled as Grant *Schreiner* in the AmeriCorps Committee List. Mr.

Patrick Lawler moved to approve the amended minutes with a second by Ms. Gwen Hilliard; motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Ms. Jawonna Mason presented the Treasurer's Report and answered questions that were offered. Ms. Kristan Gordon moved and Ms. Julie LaFleur seconded a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report with a note of adding "g" to the word "Operating" in Correction requests in the ledger of the Commission Investment Budget August 2016 - July 2017; the Treasurer's Report was accepted as corrected.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Jeansonne gave a brief report about CNCS/AmeriCorps funding status and the value of AmeriCorps and National Service in Louisiana. He thanked the Commissioners for their active participation with various events in their communities. Mr. Jeansonne also shared the FEMA News Release for the August 2016 Flood, which summarized the value of AmeriCorps in recovery efforts for flood survivors. Lastly, Mr. Jeansonne shared an OIG audit update; Ms. Mitzi Hochheiser, Governance Committee Chair, gave an overview of identified issues along with potential corrective actions.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Mr. William Stoudt provided the Chair's report, which included the completion of the mandatory Ethics/financial disclosure reporting by May 15, 2017, website updates, and new Commissioner Recruitment as well as officer recruitment. The Chair discussed upcoming events, mainly the Mayor and County Recognition Day for National Service.

COMMISSIONER EDUCATION

Ms. Stephanie Trahan gave an overview of the process for FY17 formula presentations.

- **PRESENTATIONS**

The following FY17 Continuation applicants made presentations:

- Boys & Girls Club-Greater Baton Rouge
- Boys & Girls Club-North Central Louisiana
- Catholic Charities of Greater New Orleans
- Impact Lake Charles
- SEE West Monroe
- ShrevCorps
- ULL AmeriCorps
- Louisiana Delta Service Corps

The Commission recessed for lunch at 12:18 PM and was called back into session at 12:53 PM by the Chair.

COMMISSIONER EDUCATION

Ms. Stephanie Trahan gave an overview of the process for the presentations.

- **PRESENTATIONS (cont'd)**

The following FY17 New and Recompete applicants made presentations:

- Playworks
- Up2Us
- Public Allies

- Boys & Girls Club of Acadiana
- City Year NOLA

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Mrs. Carissa Graves and seconded by Mrs. Angela Jouett that the meeting be adjourned. Motion passed. The meeting ended at 1:58 PM.