



ENRE Annual Business Meeting

April 27th, 2020

5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Central Time

Virtual Web Meeting, hosted through Zoom

Participants: Jim Riordan (Chair, Presenter, Workshop Moderator and Facilitator), Jessica Conquest (Secretary-Treasurer, Presenter, Workshop Facilitator), Unai Miguel Andres (Communications Chair, Zoom Meeting Orchestrator, Workshop Facilitator), Aldo Treville (Professional Development Chair and Workshop Facilitator), Dennis Bechtel, Jeremy Call, Michael Delp, Derrick Rosenbach, David Rutter, Kristina K., Niek Veraart, Alison Tompkins, Justin Dula, Stuart Stainman, Rebecca Perkins, Carol Flaute, Tricia Kyzar, Christine Lan, Derrick Rosenbach, Jennifer Fogliano, and Bridget Tydor.

1. Welcome and Introductions (5 minutes) – *Jim opened the meeting by thanking everyone for attending. Jessica started the presentation by introducing the executive committee and noting that the presentation would be recorded for those who couldn't attend. She explained that the meeting would have two parts: 1st, an executive committee report out where she would describe what has occurred over the last year and what the committee plans to do for the rest of 2020; 2nd, Jim would moderate a virtual workshop where attendees could provide feedback and suggestions for the 2021 work plan and budget.*

2. Executive Committee Report (10 minutes) - *Jessica provided an overview of the achievements made by the division last year, including the growth in paid membership, ENRE's successful assistance to members with developing sessions that were selected for the 2020 National Planning Conference (NPC 20), development of a mobile workshop for NPC 20, and that the division received 21 fellowship applications this year. Jessica also announced this year's fellowship winner, Priya Mulgaonkar. She explained that Priya was selected as the fellowship winner because of her project's emphasis on evaluating the implications of climate change through an equity and social justice lens.*

Jessica thanked everyone who participated in reviewing and adopting the 2020 work plan and budget last fall. She reminded attendees that the adopted 2020 work plan and budget are located on the ENRE website under the business section. Jessica noted that although there was a slight decrease in ENRE's total membership, there has been an increase in paid membership (non-student members). Jessica explained that the division saved some money by not doing NPC in person this year, and that the executive committee is currently working to reallocate that funding towards turning ENRE sessions into webinars and providing web networking opportunities. This will be in addition to what we had already budgeted for newsletters and webinars. Jessica noted that the committee has been getting ready to publish a new newsletter, which is expected to be distributed in May. The committee will also be working to assist ENRE NPC session developers with transitioning their material into a webinar format.

3. 2021 Work Plan and Budget Café Workshop (30 minutes) – *Jim explained the purpose of a café workshop was to solicit feedback from members through active, creative discussion and brainstorming. He described how the process would unfold and the functionality provided by Zoom. He then noted the various topic areas the breakout groups would be asked to discuss and provide feedback on:*

- **Webinars and NPC Sessions**—Identify topics and ideas for the upcoming year.
- **Fellowship**—Continue and build on the ENRE Fellowship program.
- **Spread the Word**—Build on the current use social media and other forms of communication.
- **Strength in Numbers**—Engage and build on our diversity of membership.
- **Website Improvement**—Make our website more engaging and communicative.
- **Build Resources**—Identify sponsorship ideas so that we can do more for our membership.
- **Reach Out**—Stay well connected with APA National and build our connections across other divisions.

Attendees were then sent to virtual breakout sessions where they used the "white board" feature to take notes and brainstorm ideas.

4. 2021 Work Plan and Budget Café Workshop Report Out (15 minutes) – Once the breakout rooms were closed and everyone was in the same "room," Jim requested that a representative from each group present their whiteboard findings. The following was discussed:

- **Webinars and NPC Sessions**—Identify topics and ideas for the upcoming year.
 - What can we learn from how social distancing has influenced air/water/energy/the environment, and how can we apply what we learn to future planning?
 - Planning for energy/infrastructure/water – how it interacts with wildlife
 - Water/One Water – quantity and quality; nexus of energy and water
 - Relationship between water and/or energy and land use
 - Conservation subdivisions
 - Reduction of vehicle miles traveled
 - Mass transit/autonomous vehicles
 - Interstate water issues
 - Hydropower, ESA, Tribal Law
 - Topics for both rural and urban areas to appeal to planners nationwide
 - Sustainable sites initiative
 - Low impact development
 - Energy-efficient LEED projects
- **Fellowship**—Continue and build on the ENRE Fellowship program.
 - Share with the chapters to get the word out about the fellowship
 - Convert the fellowship into a prize award, with students applying with their thesis completed and getting rewarded for their work.
 - Convert the fellowship into an honor award (a not monetary prize) or add 'prestige' (not monetary) awards to the existing fellowship winner or 2nd and 3rd runner ups.
 - Can present on the Ohio Webinar Series (<http://www.ohioplan-ning.org/aws/APACH/pt/sp/planning-webcast-series>)
 - Every Friday (\$150 per year, 1 content per division)
 - Develop content around the research of the awarded student
 - Require business meeting presentation (rather than encouraging)
 - APA blog article?
- **Spread the Word**—Build on the current use social media and other forms of communication.
 - Remind members via email that Facebook and LinkedIn are good places to learn more about the division and to stay engaged
 - Doesn't make sense to use new platforms
- **Strength in Numbers**—Engage and build on our diversity of membership.
 - No ideas were suggested
- **Website Improvement**—Make our website more engaging and communicative.
 - Research page with the latest ENRE-related research
 - Policy updates site
 - Project and research repository from members
- **Build Resources**—Identify sponsorship ideas so that we can do more for our membership.
 - Webinar series could be sponsored by individuals or organizations
 - Educate us about what they do and how it impacts policy
 - How they are advocating for topics related to ENRE's mission?
 - Showcase of projects
 - Cutting edge technology/processes they are working on
 - Changes they are seeing in policies and how it is affecting their operations and BMPs
 - Laws and regulations that encourage or hinders their work
 - Possible sponsors:
 - Clean energy companies
 - Recycling companies
 - University sustainability departments and centers
 - Companies involved in treatment of water, sewage, waste, etc.
 - Non-profit funders of environmental improvement

- *Landscape companies*
- **Reach Out**—*Stay well connected with APA National and build our connections across other divisions.*
 - *A desire for more cross-division work and projects was voiced, but no ideas for implementation were proposed*

5. Meeting Closeout — *The executive committee thanked everyone for attending and opened the floor for any additional questions or comments. It was suggested that ENRE have two business meetings per year (one in April and one in October) and that both should occur online in order to allow more members the opportunity to attend.*

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m. central time.