

## Section on Public Administration Education (SPAЕ)

### 2023 Annual Business Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, March 8, 2023 at 1:30 PM ET

**Attendees** (note: 22 total attendees during the meeting; names recorded at 2 pm)

Theo Byrne, Rachel Emas, Lois Warner, Lindsey Evans, John Dunning, Helisse Levine, Gregg Buckingham, Bruce McDonald, Brad Johnson, Del Bharath, Stephanie Dolamore, S. Nicole Diggs, Jose Alcaine, Anne Hacker, Agatha Caraballo, Chris Paul, Donna Handley

### Meeting Summary

1. **Chair's Welcome.** Stephanie Dolamore gave the chair's welcome. This included a short recognition of International Women's Day and Women's History Month.
2. **Reports.**
  1. 2022 Annual Meeting [Minutes](#). Stephanie Dolamore offered a review of the minute. There were not corrections. M/S/P to approve the minutes.
  2. Treasurer's [Report](#). Theo Byrne offered a report on the financial standing of the section. SPAE remains in good standing with received about \$1,500 annually from ASPA national. Stephanie Dolamore described the proposed budget for the next year. There were no questions from attendees.
  3. Twitter [Report](#). Rachel Emas provided an overview of activities on Twitter. There were no questions from attendees. Rachel included a call from members to send information to her for sharing on social media as well as a request to retweet our information.
  4. Election [Report](#). Stephanie Dolamore provided an overview of the 2023 election. One important highlight was the increased engagement in voting, up to 30% of our membership compared to last year. There were no questions from attendees.
  5. PA Times [Report](#). Gregg Buckingham described the articles that were written last year for PA Times. Gregg asked for members to get in touch if they are interested in writing an article this year. Stephanie Dolamore reminded attendees that SPAE often asks these contributors to lead the guaranteed panel at ASPA as an incentive to participate. There were no questions from attendees
  6. Collaborations with Other Sections [Report](#). Stephanie Dolamore described the collaborations with other sections in 2022. Helisse Levine indicated SWPA would be open to another webinar in 2023 or 2024.
3. **Business Items.**
  1. New board members. Stephanie Dolamore welcomed the new board members, including Brad Johnson (Chair Elect), Michaela Abbott (Board member), Roseanne Mirabella (Board member), and Del Bharath (Board member). Stephanie Dolamore also welcomed Mercy Umeri as the new secretary for SPAE.
  2. SPAE Memorial Fund. Stephanie Dolamore and Theo Byrne described the proposal for a memorial fund in honor of the late Dr. Alexander Heckman, former SPAE Chair and board member who passed away in 2022. The fund would begin with \$1000 and members can make additional contributions in honor of any former SPAE member or teacher. Stephanie Dolamore made one suggestion for members to consider regarding how the funds might be used to current MPA and Doctoral students in public administration with a desire to teach in the future during Public Service Recognition Week. Discussion included ensuring

contributions tax-exempt and ensuring memorial funds be kept separate from other SPAE funds. M/S/P to approve establishing a memorial fund.

3. [SPAE Strategic Plan](#). Stephanie Dolamore presented the new SPAE strategic plan to attendees. There were no questions from attendees.
  4. [Revisions to SPAE By-Laws](#). Stephanie Dolamore provided an update on the revisions under consideration for the SPAE by-laws. The proposed revisions are extensive, mostly to ensure SPAE is in compliance with ASPA national. Discussion included how best to take a vote. Members agreed on a ballot that detailed specific proposals in plain language with links to the entire revisions as the most accessible method for voting by members.
  5. Increase membership dues. Theo Byrne led a discussion about raising the due for SPAE from \$10 to \$15. Members agreed this was reasonable. There was a proposal to increase due to \$15 for full members of ASPA but to keep due \$10 for students/new professionals. M/S/P to increase the membership dues to \$15 for full members and to keep dues \$10 for students/new professionals.
4. Upcoming SPAE Activities.
    1. ASPA 2023. Stephanie provided an updated on two upcoming events at the annual ASPA conference. The first is the SPAE Teaching Symposium at ASPA 2023 on 3/23/23 from 7am-2pm. The second is the SPAE Panel at ASPA on 3/22/23 at 10:15am. These are virtual events for attendees.
    2. NASPAA/TPAC. Stephanie Dolamore asked members in attendance to consider supporting SPAE this year by proposing a workshop for TPAC which will be held at NASPAA. Donna Handley and Chris Paul indicated interest in supporting these workshop.
5. **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 3:27 pm.