

PARK OPERATIONS RESOURCE GROUP
Meeting Minutes
June 13, 2018 1:30pm
VRPS Office

In attendance:

Dan Smith, Chair/Board Liaison
Alister Perkinson, Recorder/Eastern Service Area Representative
Matt Spruill, Central Service Area Representative
Tom Gates, Member At Large
Patty McGrath, Eastern Service Area Representative
Christen Fox, Northern Service Area Representative

New Business

- Nominations for Chair Elect
 - Marlie Smith accepted a position in Greenville South Carolina, and will no longer be serving on the Park Operations Resource Group
 - Dan Smith opened to floor for nominations to fill the vacant Chair-elect position for the remainder of the year
 - Dan Smith nominated Alister Perkinson
 - The board voted unanimously to appoint Alister Perkinson as Chair-Elect
 - Dan Smith opened to floor for nominations to fill the Recorder position for the remainder of the year
 - Tom Gates nominated Matt Spruill
 - The board voted unanimously to appoint Matt Spruill as Recorder

- Board membership updates
 - Dan asked the group to think about nominations for election in the coming year (Chair-elect and recorder positions) Nominations needed to Nancy Turnage by July

- Updates on Park Services Day
 - The official name has been set as “Park Services Day”

- Park Services day will be held on the last day (Tuesday) of the VRPS Conference and will feature six educational sessions in the morning – Dan is currently looking for a replacement for Marlie’s session
- After the sessions an education session will be held at the Deep Run Community Center. There will be lunch, exhibitors, roundtable discussions, and a “kick the tires” event.
- Planning for the day is moving along well – the plan and new flyer are on the website
- Matt stated that exhibitors for the event are in good shape, about half full so far which is on pace
- Christen will help with the conference next year in Northern Virginia

- Database update
 - Discussion on whether the PORG database is reaching frontline staff – Dan suggested periodically converting to pdf and sending out or printing for employees.
 - Need to make sure that people know that it is available to them
 - Keep looking for qualified people to add to the list

- Future trainings
 - Discussion on service area trainings – made the decision to not make service area trainings obligatory and to instead focus on the Park Services day
 - If service areas want to do trainings PORG and VRPS can help facilitate, advertise, and set up webinars, CEUs etc.

- Awards Committee
 - Marlie’s departure has left a vacancy for the PORG representative on the VRPS Awards and Citations committee
 - Patty McGrath agreed to serve on the committee

Next Meeting – September 12, 1:30pm – VRPS Office