

## **DCMAND Executive Committee Board of Directors Meeting**

Wednesday, October 28, 2015 – 8:00 PM

Teleconference

### **Board Members Present**

Tricia Psota, President

Carolyn Wait, Past President

Sarah Fisher, Recording Secretary

Erica Walther, Treasurer

Lindsey Palmer, Treasurer-Elect

Meagan Divito, House of Delegates Representative

Shayne Geneva, Nominating Committee Chair

Kris Sollid, Professional Development Committee Chair

Paige Einstein, Professional Development Committee Chair-Elect

### *Staff Members Present*

Carrie Kiley, Executive Director

### **WELCOME**

Tricia Psota opened the meeting and welcomed board members.

### **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

Tricia Psota motioned to approve the BOD Meeting Minutes from September 23, 2015. Carolyn Wait seconded the motion. All were in favor. No opposed.

### **PRESIDENT'S UPDATE – TRICIA PSOTA**

The November Board of Director's Meeting will be Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup> in Rockville, Maryland from 1:30-3:30pm. After the meeting there will be a volunteer opportunity to assemble boxes for SOME (So Others Might Eat). DCMAND members are encouraged to bring food items for the boxes and/or reusable grocery bags. Tricia Psota will put together a sign-up sheet. DCMAND members are welcome to attend the BOD meeting or just participate in the volunteer activity. There is no budget for board meetings. If members would like to bring snacks, that would be fine. Tricia Psota would like to have a BOD meeting at Arcadia Farm in the Spring.

The Potomac Post newsletter will be coming out in November. If there is anything you want posted – updates, upcoming events – let Tricia Psota and the Potomac Post editors know.

DCMAND continues to develop their social media presence. Contributors take one day a week to cover Twitter and Facebook. Thanks to the help of Robyn Douglas, all 7 days are covered.

All Public Policy positions have been filled.

The FNCE reception was attended by 11-12 people – some board members and some new faces. Carrie Kiley found a nice venue. There was good feedback from participants.

### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE UPDATE – SHAYNE GENEVA**

The "Call for Nominations" is complete. Carrie Kiley will send it out to members soon. This information has been sent to Stephanie Johnson so she can update the DCMAND website. The nominating committee is putting together a quick, one page FAQ to be posted on the website and at DCMAND events. Shayne Geneva is requesting feedback prior to implementation.

A Happy Hour is planned for Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at Meridian Pint in Columbia Heights from 5-7pm to recruit nominees. If you know of anyone interested in a position, please contact Shayne Geneva. There are tentative plans to host a Happy Hour in February to “Meet the Nominees” once a ballot is set.

### **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT UPDATE – KRIS SOLLID**

Kris Sollid and Paige Einstein met to talk about logistics of the Annual Meeting. They will be having a conference call with the Professional Development Committee tomorrow to go over ideas for themes, speakers, sessions, etc. For those who want to provide input let Paige, Kris or Tricia know. The general theme for the meeting is Food Waste. A grant from AND has been requested to provide a speaker. A response should be received in the next few days. The venue for the Annual Meeting will remain the same. Contract negotiations are going on now with the proposed meeting date of April 29<sup>th</sup>.

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Tricia Psota would like to put together a calendar of events for DCMAND to post on the website.

January – potentially a volunteer event

February – BOD meeting at Winery; Nominating Committee event

March – RD Day; Annual Elections

April – Annual Meeting

May – BOD meeting with an activity

Should DCMAND offer more activities or is this enough? Carolyn Wait felt that there should be more events for non-board members but not sure what those events should be – more happy hours? In person activities? Webinars? Erica Walther suggested tapping into events that are already happening in DC. Look into events that are happening 1-2 months out. DCMAND doesn't need to endorse the event but DCMAND members could attend the event and invite other members to join them. Meagan Divito suggested food insecurity events. This subject may warrant further discussion at the November BOD meeting.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

Lindsey Proctor and Carrie Kiley are working on committee reports so we have Consent Agendas on future calls and meetings.

The Treasurer's Report will be approved at quarterly board meetings.

There was a brief discussion about whether DCMAND will participate in the NBC4 Health and Fitness Expo in January. If DCMAND attends, then the NBC4 Expo needs to be mentioned in the upcoming issue of the Potomac Post so members are aware.