

*Keystone State Chapter, American Society for Public Administration*  
Minutes prepared by: Christopher J. Schultz, Secretary

**Board Meeting:**

August 13, 2024 / 4:00 PM / Zoom

**Call to Order:**

by President DeSantis at 4:10 P.M.

**Attendance:**

Dr. Victor DeSantis, President; Dr. Michele Tantardini, President Elect; Dr. Chris Schultz, Secretary; Dr. Glenn McGuigan, Immediate Past President; Mr. David Margolis, Special Advisor to the Board; Dr. Angela Kline, Board Member; Mr. Scott Weller, Board Member; and Ms. Yeobin Yoon, Board Member

**Approval of Minutes from June 11, 2024, Board Meeting:**

Motion by Special Advisor to the Board Margolis, seconded by President-Elect Tantardini to approve the minutes. The minutes were approved unanimously.

**Officer Reports:**

***President***

President DeSantis welcomed everyone and reported about a call with ASPA National regarding the recruitment and retention of members, colleagues experiencing the same, and advised on the research symposium hosted by our chapter for our students outreach and communications. In addition the President discussed the ASPA Nationals conference and the potential for a Chapter slot for a presentation and whether the Chapter was interested in presenting, and if we also wanted to host a social. Interest by the Board was expressed. The Pennsylvania 2024 Local Government Symposium conflicts with the NASPAA Conference but the information would be shared to the membership should anyone want to attend.

***Treasurer***

No report.

**Committee Reports:**

***Communications***

Secretary Schultz advised the updates were implemented by Board Member Dakotah Kinnan to address updates to the Chapter Website. Other than symposium information, no other emails

were received by the Chapter. Secretary Schultz will email symposium information to the Chapter members. Special Advisor to the Board Margolis will clean up the old roster.

### ***Membership***

Special Advisor to the Board Margolis reported 110 members, and the roster is up to date for new members and those who have not renewed. President DeSantis discussed the rebates for dues paying members not institutional members, and asked if the Board wanted those rebates, have those people be regular members, and does it suppress the rebate by 20 or so people)? Discussion continued on institutional members. Immediate Past President McGuigan has reached out to member Lydia Morin to inquire as to her interest to remain on the Board due to lack of chapter participation but has not received a reply. Discussion around member Aqsa Ali being considered to replace Lydia Morin. Immediate Past President McGuigan to reach out.

### ***Program***

President DeSantis gave a recap of the AI Virtual Forum and thanked those who participated in the discussion. He further reported that, about 12 folks showed up. Discussion moved to the Award program for fall season and the Boards preferences on hosting. President DeSantis to work with Immediate Past President McGuigan to organize. Special Advisor to the Board Margolis will send out Awards solicitation once date is selected with Secretary Schultz sending out to the Chapter members. President DeSantis indicated we will follow same process and announcement as previous.

### **New Business:**

Immediate Past President McGuigan happy to see new board members participation.

### **Old Business:**

#### ***By-Laws Updates***

The By-Laws Committee reported there was no feedback from the Board on any of the recommended changes or open concerns. Discussion continued on the three open items attendance; the minutes being uploaded to website within 30 days by secretary and do nothing further. There was a discussion on the future date how to implement the amendments via vote by the Chapter. Special Advisor to the Board Margolis will clean up and send them to Committee for final review.

#### ***Budget Preparation***

Tabled.

#### **Next Meeting:**

To Be Determined for September with a Zoom invitation to be sent by President DeSantis.

#### **Adjourn:**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:59 P.M on a motion by Special Advisor to the Board Margolis, seconded by President-Elect Tantardini.