

Notice of Public Meeting
Commission Meeting Minutes
October 17, 2024

MISSION: To inspire and recognize volunteers and empower communities through service and AmeriCorps to address Idaho's unmet needs.

Staff present: Emily Straubhar, Kimberly Empey, Micaela de Loyola-Carlin, Dan Cabrera, Missy Morrison, Heather Luff-Uhi

Commissioners present: ~~Alina Rahim, Amanda Gardner, Amy Little Ridenour, April Durrant, Becky Martin, Cara Nielsen, Char Kremer, Chelsea Weeks, Ceira (Cara) Davis, Destine Hart, Dylan Davids, Eric Anderson, Farhana Hibbert, Jani Revier, Julia Hopper, Karma Metzler-Fitzgerald, Katie Mathias, Kelsey Nelson, Kevin Bailey, Kimber Russell, Kristi Keeler, Lindy Garland, Mat Erpelding, Michael Strickland, Stephanie Taylor-Thompson~~

Welcome and Call to Order

Charlette Kremer, Chair

- Action Item: Review and Approve Agenda

Farhana Hibbert motioned. April Durrant seconded.

Motion carried.

- Action Item: Review and Approve Minutes from July 18, 2024 Farhana Hibbert motioned. Amanda Gardner seconded. Motion carried.

- Action Item: Review and Approve Minutes from August 1, 2024 Kimber Russell motioned. Cara Nielsen seconded. Motion carried.

- Action Item: Review and Approve Minutes from September 9, 2024 Farhana Hibbert motioned. Michael Strickland seconded. Motion carried.

Introductions/ Ice Breaker

Charlette Kremer, Chair

AmeriCorps Member Moment

SCA

Action Item: Election of Secretary, Vice-Chair, and Second Vice-Chair

Charlette Kremer, Chair

Secretary: Ciara Davis was nominated by Karma. Farhana Hibbert was nominated by Amanda Gardner, Kristi Keeler was nominated by Kimber. Farhana Hibbert was voted as new secretary.

Vice-Chair: Kimber for first vice-chair. Julia Hopper, Becky Martin were all nominated. Kristi Keeler moved to close nominations. Cara Nielsen seconded. Julia Hopper was voted as new Vice-Chair.

Second Vice-Chair: April Durrant, Farhana Hibbert, Cara Nielsen, Becky Martin were nominated. Katie closed nominations for second vice-chair. April Durrant was voted as new second vice-chair.

Break

Idaho AmeriCorps Program Presentations by Idaho HealthCorps -15 years. Focus on Let's Go! 5210, Health Screenings, Member Training & Community Outreach/Health Education. One site in Coeur d'Alene. Would like to get more sites in Northern Idaho. Recruitment was discussed.

Idaho AmeriCorps Program Presentation by Gem State Public Health AmeriCorps since June 2022 and are applying for competitive funding again. Have increased the number of certified suicide prevention interventionists across the state of Idaho.

Kayla Fielder with ISU. 9/11 day of service- funded Oct. 2023 volunteer generated – no serving members. 412 Senior care kids, senior hobby fair, companion club

Courtney Warner with PCEI AmeriCorps started in their 20th year. Formula funded program. 10 host sites with 15 members. Obstacles are competition, host site recruitment and shift in staff roles.

Idaho AmeriCorps Program Presentation with U of I 4-H Mission in action - partners, member development and STEAM education. What makes is successful? In-person training, ION trainings, member resource meeting, and academic impressions. Had 48 of 49 member slots filled. Cross-over of grants- onboarding and exiting members at the same time caused pressure.

Tim Caroll with Student Conservation Association SCA presentation on Liz Titus-Putnam and how SCA began. 16 years of programming in partnership with Serve Idaho. 294 members, 34 seasonal staff. 2024 has 14 members and 4 staff. They currently have funding until Dec. 20th. Will see what future funding looks like.

Lunch & Team Building Activity (putting together AmeriCorps swag for commissioners to give out at presentations).

Jamie Whitmer presented on Reading Corps “students who read have the power to succeed”. Any student K-3 below benchmark qualifies for assistance through them. Curriculum-neutral. Formula cost reimbursement grant.

Teach for America presentation was given by Marissa Cook. 30 years and became a subrecipient of Serve Idaho in 2020. Fixed grant that receives \$1k per member. Recruit, train and support leaders. Impacted 1,287 students in 2023-2024.

White Clouds Preserve AmeriCorps presentation by Hailey Robinson out of Clayton, Idaho. Formed in 2018. Hindered by lack of housing. Looking into building yurts along the East Fork. Remove invasive plants and restoring native plants. Challenges faced is a very small staff. 2 ft positions are already filled. Interest expressed in quarter-time positions.

Commissioner Self-Assessment Survey Results

Charlette Kremer, Chair

Basecamp Training provided by Micaela de Loyola-Carkin.

Report Outs

- Program

April Durrant

They have reviewed, scored and recommended applicants, set criteria for program presentations. Dec. 2024 review of ASN grant applications. Destinie has volunteered to be the chair committee.

- Outreach committee is moving forward on their goals by Farhana Hibbert.

- Governance reviewed by-laws, all to-do lists items completed, will have some proposed changes at next meeting to full commission by Kimber Russell.

- Idaho Department of Labor is busy with breaking ground on building in Twin Falls. Should be completed in 2025 Jani Revier

- AmeriCorps report given by Dylan Davids. They have recently brought on a third portfolio manager.

Open competition for senior RSVP program is being reviewed currently. Aug. 26th conducted site visits in several states. They can be reached at jd@americorps.gov.

- America’s Service Commission by Charlette Kremer. Sept. 27th there was a mini-reauthorization, bi-partisan bill flexibility of education award, ft 1500 hour positions. cash in lieu of ed award but is way less than ed award.

Adding co-sponsors, waiting on congress, re-authorization work group National service advocacy certification join states for service is included in that. Contact Char for more information on that.

- Executive Director Emily Straubhar planning grant phase ISU and U of I planning grant application. MSY should be going down. Commission Investment Fund CIF 18-month grant cycle. Coming up on end of that June 2025. Spend down ARPA funding. \$60k approval for AmeriCorps VISTA. Building a better understanding of LUMA. Anticipating 4 more VISTA spots housed within Serve Idaho team. Serve in mentor capacity. Streamline VISTA application process. Member support committee. Governance is currently working on this then it will move to Press releases being published soon highlighting new commissioners. Serve Idaho Our community our impact. Feb. _____. Submit RFP if interested in presenting. Sponsorship opportunities are available for this. Onboarded Missy for next year. Heather and Kim are moving onto other positions. Dan reported that other staff from IDOL will be helping with this backfilling until their positions are filled.

Serve Idaho AmeriCorps conference flyer passed out that Julia Hopper created. Please share with your networks. RFP open until Nov. 1st. Happy to accept swag for this. Door prize drawings. Gift cards

Closing Comments & Adjournment
at Kristi moved, Katie seconded at 3:58 p.m.

Charlette Kremer, Chair

Minutes submitted by Kristi Keeler.

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