

Serve Idaho Outreach Committee Meeting Minutes

June 26, 2023

**In Person at the Idaho Department of Labor offices in 3 West Conference Room
located at 317 W. Main St. in Boise or Via Zoom**

In attendance: Donald Lovejoy, Julia Hopper, Farhana Hibbert, Karma Fitzgerald, Alina Rahim, Micaela de Loyola-Carkin, Renee Bade

Meeting called to order at 11:01 am (MT) by Chair Farhana Hibbert.

Approve meeting minutes from February 27, 2023:

- Motion to Approve: Donald Lovejoy
- Second: Julia Hopper
- Motion passes unanimously.

Committee Chair Updates

- Farhana has presented the Idaho's Brightest Star Awards at the past two Capital for a Day events in Malad City and St. Anthony.
- This has been a good experience for commissioners and great way to connect with the Governor's office.
- Renee Bade provided some historical context on the Brightest Stars event and the Idaho Capital for a Day event.

New Business

- Election of a new Outreach Committee secretary.
- Motion to Nominate Julia Hopper as Outreach Committee Secretary:
 - o Motion: Karma Fitzgerald
 - o Second: Donald Lovejoy
 - o Motion passes unanimously
- Community Presentation Update
 - o Karma Fitzgerald did a combined presentation to the Blue Lakes Rotary in May.
 - o Karma Fitzgerald has a presentation she will be doing in Boise in August and will follow up with the details.
 - o Renee Bade has submitted proposals for the Idaho School Boards Association Conference in November to co-present with Char Kremer and will submit a proposal for the Idaho Nonprofit Center Conference in August. She will reach out to local commissioners in Boise to co-present for the Idaho Nonprofit Center Conference.
- September 11th Day of Service

- We are currently trying to engage AmeriCorps alums across the state in service projects for September 11th.
- Thinking about soliciting donations for the Community Schools in our areas. If the community doesn't have a community school they could reach out to another school in their area.
- Hope is to do event at a few locations across Idaho.
- Will see if the Idaho AmeriCorps programs want to participate as well.
- Farhana Hibbert will reach out to the AmeriCorps program in the Pocatello area.
- Micaela de Loyola-Carkin would like to open up to the larger communities to donate and build a press release.

Outreach to Legislators

- Renee Bade was wondering if the Outreach committee would be interested in sharing details about the AmeriCorps program in their communities. Would be specific outreach to the legislator about the specific programs in their region/district?
- Karma Fitzgerald indicates that outreach has already been provided in her area to the legislators.
- One of their ideas is to have an open house on how they have utilized national service members to build their program and invite city council members.
- Would be helpful to have a one-pager on how it has been utilized within each legislative district and Karma Fitzgerald is happy to help facilitate.
- Staff would be putting together one-pager for the commissioners to utilize with their legislators.
- Are we going to have a Day at the Capital in 2024?
 - If there is logistically room to make it happen, Serve Idaho should be at the State House more often.
 - Possibly speak to the small caucus groups, specifically the Rural Caucus group.
 - Having a presence at the Capital on AmeriCorps week.
 - Have each commissioner reach out to Legislator in their district about programs operating in their district.

Follow Up Items

- Renee Bade will provide Julia Hopper with template for meeting minutes.
- Staff will develop one-sheeters to give to commissioners at the October meeting.
- Staff should reach out to their legislators before the January commission meeting.
- Renee Bade and Karma Fitzgerald will reach out to determine if the Rural Caucus still exists and who would be the best point of contact to present.
- Encourage Commissioners to reach out about National Days of Service in the fall and spring.
- Staff will submit a proclamation signing to the Governor's office in advance of AmeriCorps Week (early/mid February)

We will cancel the July 17th Outreach Committee meeting and instead just meet at the July 20th Commission meeting.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Karma Fitzgerald.

Meeting dismissed at 11:39 a.m. by Chair Farhana Hibbert.

Meeting minutes completed by Renee Bade.