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**Community Volunteering Committee Meeting Notes**  
**September 19, 2024; 12:00 to 1:00 pm CT**  
**Virtual**

**Committee members in attendance;** Drew Graham, Chair, Kelly Fleming

**Staff in attendance:** Cathleen Plager, Executive Director, Rani Taborek-Potter, PIO

**Strategic Goal: Developed intentional, well-educated partnerships, stakeholders & public.**

Drew Graham, Chair

- Step Forward Awards 2024.
  - Venue
    - October 4 at Tiburon Golf Club in Omaha. The Commissioners about one week out, should be receiving an email memo with instructions for the day of, a copy of the program, and a seating chart.
  - Sponsorships
    - There were 10 sponsors totaling \$21,000.
  - Speaker
    - Speaker will be DeMoine Adams from TeamMates.
  - Number Registered
    - Current number registered is 193.
- ServeNebraska 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
  - Drew gave a recap on all the new programs and features the commission did to honor the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ServeNebraska.
- Step Forward Awards 2025
  - Venue
    - Embassy Suites in Lincoln.
  - Fundraising
    - Now is the time to begin seeking out sponsors for next year's event.
    - Kelly suggests the commission consider putting on a Golf Event for fundraising in future.
- Nebraska Broadcasters Association Contract
  - NBA contract for the first six months of 2025, will bring us in line with the new fiscal year.
  - A new, full year contract will be negotiated in early 2025 for operation July 2025 - June 2026
- Future Projects
  - Cathleen gave an update on an AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP grant opportunity. ServeNebraska is applying for the grant which would operate in Lancaster County.
  - Submission deadline is Sept. 25, 2024
  - Grant start date would be April 1, 2025, if awarded.