



## Executive Committee Meeting Notes

Friday September 20, 2024

noon CST / 11:00 am MST

Virtual Meeting

**Commissioners in Attendance;** Kare Heilbrun, Margorie Maas, Drew Graham, C.J King, Anastazia Bauer-Scheer.

**Absent:**

**SN Staff in attendance;** Cathleen Plager, Executive Director

Kare Heilbrun, Commission Chair called the meeting to order at 12:10pm CST.

Marjorie Maas made a motion to accept all the items from the consent agenda, CJ King, 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Voice vote taken, passing unanimously.

Kare Heilbrun, provided an update of the activities of the Executive Committee.

**Strategic Goal:** Developed and implemented legislative Plan.

In 2025 the commission is looking to build champion relationships with one person from the appropriations committee and additional senators. Looking to see if the commission can increase appropriations from \$30k to \$100k.

**Strategic Goal:** Secure and maintain State Appropriation

The Commission is still looking for one more appointment that was overlooked by the Governor's office. Staff have been calling and emailing with no response.

Additional

Staff are working on selecting consultants for the next SN Commission-State Plan.

A visit with Rep. Smith took place the end of August in Scottsbluff with Kare and with Senator Ricketts in September in Lincoln with CJ. A meeting with Rep. Bacon is scheduled for October in Omaha. Staff are still working on scheduling visits with Senator Fischer and Rep Flood.

Leadership Convening in D.C.

America's Service Commissions will be hosting a Leadership convening in February 2025.

Anastazia Bauer-Scheer provided an update of the activities of the AmeriCorps National Service Committee.

**Strategic Goal:** Build and support quality, effective programs by implementing monitoring/tracking. Processes

The AmeriCorps Committee provided an update of the meeting and gave the Executive Committee a heads up that there most likely be a request for an approval of the application VISTA Host Site application.

*Mobilizing Nebraskans to strengthen their communities through volunteering, collaboration, and national service programs.*

The Committee was updated on the AmeriCorps 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary calendar,

**Strategic Goal:** Identified and implemented a hallmark program in an unrepresented program area for implementation statewide – funding permitted. No activity for this goal

**Strategic Goal:** Build on ways to sustain & increase alumni engagement (e.g., events, programs, events)

Alumni and Leadership council update was provided with progress being made in both areas.

A finance committee chair is still needed, so Cathleen provided an update from the Finance Committee.

**Strategic Goal:** Assess & strengthen funding models/processes to ensure sustainability of new funding streams.

The committee reviewed the final expenditures of 2024 through August. The committee will present a full report of all grant expenditures to the Commission October 4, 2024.

Drew Graham was not available to attend the Executive Committee meeting, so Cathleen gave an update of the Community Volunteering Committee meeting.

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

The Committee was updated on the final months of the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary campaign. Currently there are 200 people registered for the Step Forward Awards Luncheon with work continuing as we round the last two weeks leading up to the event.

Cathleen Plager provided an update on the following.

**Strategic Goal:** Diverse staffing in place that allowed for increase, sustainable growth.

Watching to see if a continuing resolution passes to keep the Federal Government open past September 30.

Cathleen shared that she is looking at efficiencies as it pertains to staff and Commission meetings, if they are not directly involved in the meeting, they will not attend. The staff who will be at the meetings on a regular basis will be Cathleen, Audrey, and Sandra.

Kare reminded the committee of the Chair and Vice chair elections that will take place at the commission meeting October 4.

Cathleen will be sending out a survey following the October 4 meeting to update rosters and provide for any changes in committee work.

Reminders.

Friday October 4, 2024, Commission Meeting

October 22, 2024, AmeriCorps member kickoff Event

Adjournment