

**Alliance of National Heritage Areas (ANHA)
Executive Committee Meeting
December 16, 2011; 10:30 a.m. ET
Via Conference Call**



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Attending: Executive Committee Members – Michelle McCollum (Chair), Allen Sachse (Vice-Chair), Marilyn Black (Secretary), Annie Harris (Treasurer), Charles Flynn, Dayton Sherrouse, Don Short, and ANHA Board Members Augie Carlino, Natalie Gelb, and Rick Perry. Absent was Cynthia Sutton.

Agenda Approval: It was moved by Mrs. Harris, seconded by Mr. Sherrouse, and motion carried to approve the meeting agenda after inserting the Nominating Committee report and America's National Park Summit.

Minutes of November 18, 2011: It was moved by Mrs. Harris, seconded by Mrs. Black, and motion carried to approve the Executive Committee meeting minutes as prepared.

Financial Report: Treasurer Mrs. Harris summarized the December, 2011 financial reports which had been provided in advance of today's meeting. Shenandoah Valley NHA has promised to finish paying their 2011 dues. Attendees approved the financial reports.

2012 Budget and Dues: Discussion next turned to the 2012 budget and dues structure. Anticipated costs are still in flux for the Congressional Reception, audit of ANHA and HDP, and continuing marketing contract with the Palladian Group. The Palladian Group will be asked to provide a proposal to continue through December 2012. It was moved by Mr. Sachse, seconded by Mr. Flynn, and motion carried unanimously to establish the 2012 dues rates as follows: \$4,500 full dues; Associates-I to remain at \$2,000; and Associates II and Associates III to remain at \$500. Doug Hartman will proceed with outgoing dues invoices and pledge form, using a cover letter which Michelle will prepare. Returning to the 2012 budget, today's attendees reduced the amounts for the Palladian Group, business meeting, and Annual Report. It was then moved by Mrs. Harris, seconded by Mr. Sherrouse, and motion carried unanimously to approve the 2012 ANHA budget as revised today.

National Park Conservation Association's Summit: Mrs. Harris will represent ANHA on a panel in Washington, DC in January at the America's National Parks Summit. It was moved by Mr. Flynn, seconded by Mr. Sachse, and motion carried to authorize \$600 to exhibit and include ANHA materials at this event. The new ANHA banners and literature will be expedited to unveil at this Summit. Mr. Flynn mentioned that the Yuma Crossing NHA in November 2011 received a National Parks Foundation grant, and that it's nice to see the wider eligibility which allowed this award.

Nominating Committee: Mrs. Black read through the Nominating Committee's recommendations for ANHA Board seats and for ANHA officers. All parties have agreed to serve. Votes to name the Board seats and the officers are scheduled for the ANHA Annual Membership/Board Meeting on January 31, 2012.

Advocacy Committee: Attendees were referred to Mr. Carlino's December 16 e-mail. The FY 2012 Appropriations Bill indicates that within the NPS budget is \$17.4 million for the Heritage Partnership Program. NPS will make minor adjustments because since last time, several NHA Management Plans have been approved. Bi-partisan sponsors are being sought for legislation to provide a several year extension for those 12 NHAs which will sunset as of September 2012, in order to enable time for NPS to conduct the Congressionally required evaluations. The draft national legislation to establish NHA Program Descriptions is moving; the Heritage Caucus staff are discussing details with the House Resources Committee staff.

2012 ANHA Annual Board/Membership Meeting: NHAs are still responding as to attendance anticipated for the Tuesday, January 31, 2012 ANHA Annual Meeting. The Congressional Reception will be held on

Wednesday evening, February 1, 2012 in the Capitol Visitors Center; see electronic invitation to NHA personnel, legislators and their staff, NPS leadership personnel and liaisons.

Next ANHA Executive Committee Meeting: The ANHA Executive Committee will conduct a conference call on Friday, January 27, 2012 at 10:30 a.m. ET if there are items needing attention prior to the Annual Meeting.

Adjourned: Mr. Sachse moved, Mr. Sherrouse seconded, and motion carried to adjourn; 11:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn Black, Secretary, ANHA

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