



**SAPA Board Meeting Mins
Tuesday, April 1, 2025, 6pm
Virtual Meeting via Zoom**

A. Members Present: Roz, Geza, Molly, Dan, Kara, Kim

Guests Present: Brian Kirst, Aaron Schwartz, Anton Konev

B. Board Meeting Minutes and recap from March 2025 (See Below)

- **Approved**

C. 2025-2026 Board Officer Elections: (Dan on behalf of Fausto)

- **Please provide Fausto with any additional nominations by Fri April 4, 2025**
- Election will take place at the May 1, 2025 Board Meeting in accordance with By-Laws.
- Open Positions:
 - Chair
 - Vice-Chair
 - Treasurer
 - Secretary

D. 2025-2026 Board of Director Vacancies: (Dan on behalf of Fausto)

- **Please provide Fausto with nominations by April 28, 2025**

E. Public Service Excellence Awards Ceremony Update: Dan

- Excellence Awards Review Committee has completed its review of the nominations received and have submitted their recommendations for the Board's approval (see attached Proposal)
- Rockefeller Award for Distinguished Public Service – recommendation submitted for Board's approval (see attached Proposal)
 - **Board reviewed**
- AGA has indicated they will once again partner with SAPA and will include their award for Outstanding Achievement in Government

Accountability. **They will submit the information about their awardee for inclusion in the program no later than April 15th.**

- Robert McEvoy Excellence in Local Government Service Award – **awaiting recommendations.**
- Steigman Award for Excellence in Teaching –
 - Brian Nussbaum has agreed to Chair this year's Nomination Review Committee and will be joined by Luis, Eugene Monaco, and Richard Rose.
 - Call letters were issued to the following schools: Rockefeller College; UAlbany's College of Emergency Preparedness, Homeland Security and Cybersecurity; the Maxwell School at Syracuse; Marist College, Pace University; and Binghamton University
 - We have received nominations from the Maxwell School at Syracuse University and Marist College and expect a nomination from Rockefeller College.
 - May 2025 Board meeting will be devoted to final preparations for the May 21, 2025 Awards Ceremony.

F. Essentials Update:

- April session – Navigating the Civil Service System – Wednesday, April 9, 2025, 5:30 pm, Comptroller's Building, Training Rooms 3F-G, 110 State Street, Albany

G. Programming Update: Molly

- **Leaders Learn Sessions**
 - March 13 session debrief – virtual was success
 - Upcoming sessions: April 10
 - Attendees seem to really enjoy book club, may want to consider continuing for future
- **June Event**
 - Mixer (more info to come) – Molly will have more info to share during May meeting

H. Membership Update: Molly

- a. **No new requests/ applications for members**

I. Treasurer's Report: Kara

- a. \$1800 deposits for dues (some more money to be transferred)
- b. Constant contact payment for \$88

- c. Venmo charged \$195 to account (Kara reached out to Chris). Currently don't have venmo account, Kara will look into
- d. Maybe make donation button more prominent

J. Communications Update: Kara and Winston

- a. Team met to go over website updates, will have additional updates next month
- b. Please send approved by-law changes (approved during annual meeting by those present) and other sections that need to be updated for website

K. Secretary Update: Kim

- a. 2025 dues (Kim will share out additional notices)
- b. Board members please pay dues!

L. Schedule of Upcoming Meetings

- **Next Board Meetings:**
 - May 6th, 2025 -- HYBRID, OSC (Changed to HYBRID)
 - June 3rd, 2025 – HYBRID, OSC
- **Excellence Awards:**
 - May 21st, 2025

M. Adjourn Formal Meeting Time: 7pm