



American Planning Association  
**California Chapter**

*Creating Great Communities for All*

**ACTION MINUTES**

**APA California Board Meeting  
 Virtual Meeting Via Zoom**

August 21, 2020

**ATTENDEES:**

**EXECUTIVE BOARD**

President	Julia Lave Johnston
President Elect	Ashley Atkinson
VP, Administration	Derek Wong, AICP
VP, Conferences	Hanson Hom, AICP
VP, Marketing and Membership	Marc Yeber, ASLA
VP, Policy and Legislation	Eric Phillips
VP, Public Information	Ellie Fiori, AICP
California Planning Foundation President	Juan Borrelli, AICP
Student Representative	Elizabeth Owen

**SECTION DIRECTORS**

Central	Jennifer Clark
Central Coast	Rachel Raynor
Inland Empire	John Hildebrand
Inland Empire Section Director Elect	Christine Saunders
Northern	Jonathan Schuppert
Sacramento Valley	Yassi Sarvian
San Diego	Nancy Graham, AICP

**APPOINTED MEMBERS**

Distance Education Director	Greg Konar, AICP
National Policy and Legislative Representative	Nicholas Maricich, AICP
Northern Chapter Historian	Larry Mintier, FAICP
Southern Chapter Historian	Steve Preston, FAICP
PEN President	Bob Paternoster, FAICP

**STAFF**

Stefan/George – Executive Director/Lobbyist	Sande George
Stefan/George – Administrative Director/Lobbyist	Lauren De Valencia

## ACTION ITEMS FROM THE BOARD MEETING

### I. CALL TO ORDER

President Julia Lave Johnston called the meeting to order on Friday, August 21, 2020 at 1:30 pm

### ACTION ITEM

APA California VP for Professional Development Appointment for 2021: President Julia Lave Johnston explained to the Board that the candidate who was slated to run for the VP of Professional Development for the 2021–2022 term on the APA California Board decided to withdrawal her name just before the current Chapter elections ballot was finalized and distributed. That candidate was running unopposed, so the withdrawal left the position without a candidate for the election. Because of this, Julia asked the Board to approve the appointment of Stephanie Roxas to the position for a one-year term beginning in January 2021.

Stephanie Roxas, AICP, has been a Board member in the Orange County Section over the past seven years, serving in various leadership positions including Vice Director for Professional Development, Vice Director for Programs, and Co-Chair of the OC Young Planners Group. She is also working with the conference committee.

Julia also asked the Board to approve permanently moving the election cycle of the VP for Professional Development to odd years in order to better coordinate with the VP's FAICP responsibilities and deadlines. Currently this position is elected in even years which requires the VP to quickly organize and complete the FAICP process before the new VP has had an adequate chance to get up to speed. The Chapter Bylaws and potentially the Chapter Election Polices will need to be amended to reflect this change. Marc Yeber asked if this switch would make the elections unbalanced, with too many Board positions up for election in odd years compared to even years. Julia said that would not be the case at this time.

With this appointment, the VP for Professional Development position would be placed again on the 2021 ballot to provide the Chapter with an opportunity to vote for a candidate to serve in this position for the 2022–2023 term.

**The Board moved, seconded and passed to appoint Stephanie Roxas to the Board for 2021 as the VP for Professional Development for a one-year term. The Board also approved changing the election cycle in the Chapter Bylaws for this position to odd years in order to better coordinate with the timing of FAICP preparations and placing the VP for Professional Development position on the ballot again in 2021.**

### Other Items Discussed on the Agenda (Without Actions)

- Review of the 2020 Virtual Conference
- Role of the Board
  - At the Conference
  - Promoting Attendance
- Recruiting Volunteers
- Identifying Grassroots Nonprofits

### ADJOURNMENT

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm.