

**Delaware Coalition for Open Government
Virtual Board Meeting by Zoom
August 9, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER: Keith Steck called the board meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Pre-board reports:

1. Treasurer's Report of July 31, 2022.

PRESENT: Letty Diswood, John Flaherty, Al Jackson, John Kowalko III, John Morgan, Coralie Pryde, Anita Rush, Keith Steck, Nick Wasileski.

ABSENT: David Breen excused.

DelCOG members:, Amy Roe, Cynthia Smith, Katherine Ward.

GUESTS: Reji Gregoire

REGULAR BUSINESS

1. **Introductions:** Attendees introduced themselves and Keith Steck welcomed guest Reji Gregoire.
2. **Meeting Minutes:** It was moved and seconded, to accept Draft #3 of the minutes of the July 7, 2022, board meeting with amendments. The corrections included H.B. 244 had not been signed by the Governor. Delete sentence referencing Common Cause not having presented idea of initiative and referenda to the Common Cause Board.
3. **Treasurer Report:** Anita Rush reported that there was no activity in July. She gave the Treasurer's Report for July 31, 2022.
The current balances in the checking and savings accounts:
 WSFS checking account balance as of July 31, 2022, was \$3,711.55
 WSFS savings account balance as of July 31, 2022, was \$2,776.93
 Total account balance as of July 31, 2022, was \$6,488.48.

The Treasurer's report was adopted as read.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. **Update on Writing Chapter for Inspector General Book.** Wasileski gave brief background to the request to have DelCOG members write a chapter for the IG book to be produced by Robin Kempt.
Ward gave a detailed report about her conversation with Robin Kempf where she reviewed the questions the planning committee had developed. We will have to wait and see how the publisher will receive the following:

"The copyright retention we want: our rights retention request, in its entirety, was stated as follows (as mentioned above, though, the publisher will have their own standard contractual language that may run counter to what we want and would call for negotiation).

“This use of the Work by the Publisher entails the assignment of continuing, nonexclusive, one-time World Anthology Rights, for publication in the English language anywhere in the world. It is also understood and agreed that the Publisher may use this Work only in the above-mentioned Anthology – both paperback and electronic editions – and re-printings of it, and that **the Author shall retain all other rights to the Work not specified or expressly granted here.**”

The report is attached at end of these minutes.

A motion, seconded to move forward with the writing of the chapter was approved unanimously.

- 2. Scheduling Sept. Presentation of Weitzman book “What’s the Matter with Delaware?”**
Wasileski will contact the author Hall Weitzman about the best date to hold the event. *(It has been confirmed Weitzman can do Wednesday, September 21 to be held via Zoom from 7 to 8:30 pm.)*

UNFINISHED/ONGOING BUSINESS:

- 1. Elected Officials Reception 2022:** Ward discussed if we should go forward with the reception in December. It was decided to plan next month and find out what our contractual obligations would be to reserve the space.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Missing/Written Public Comments in House Hearings** – Flaherty introduced Reji Gregoire who explained the issues she has encountered when searching for public comments to committee hearing minutes online that should have been posted after a public hearing by committees of the Delaware House and Senate. After Gregoire started questioning the people responsible for posting the comments they are now being posted. It looks like they are going back in time and posting comments to committee hearings minutes. Flaherty noted that the public meeting comments are printed and attached to the committee minutes and are submitted to Senate members.
- 2. FOIA Issues:** Amy Roe discussed that minutes of the Childhood Lead Poisoning Advisory Subcommittee have not been brought up for approval. Amy has filed a FOIA complaint with the AG office. If anyone has any questions contact her at amywroe@gmail.com.
- 3. Wilmington Traffic Cameras:** Flaherty deferred to next meeting.
- 4. H.B. 355 (FT. DuPont Redevelopment Corp.):** Flaherty deferred to next meeting.

OPEN FORUM

- Morgan discussed reasons why the Inspector General bill was not brought up for a floor vote.
- Pryde noted that at the Network Delaware 4th Annual Community Volunteer Recognition Celebration, Rachel **Gregoire** was awarded the Change Agent of the Year Award, and **Nick Wasileski** was awarded the Unsung Hero Award.

3. **The next DelCOG Board meeting will be Tuesday, September 6, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. by Zoom.** Note changed schedule for board meeting Tuesdays from now on.

Adjourned: 7:46 p.m.

Submitted by Letty Diswood, Secretary

Katherine Ward: Reports for August 9, 2022, DelCOG Board Meeting

EOR: Discuss whether we want to hold the reception this coming December. Will suggest we don't decide for another month or two.

IG Book Project: Conversation with Robin Kempf

In July, these questions were asked and, with one exception, answered:

- What style sheet is to be used?
 - Robin sent both Author Guidelines and the Information Age Publishing Style Guide
- How are the responses to the project participation query coming along?
 - Robin named a number of those who had said yes, both from individuals in various jobs as well as from academics.
- What is process after final draft is submitted? When does it get back to us?
 - Editing will begin after MS received, either by specified 31 Jan 2023 deadline or sooner if MS submitted earlier.
 - MS with editing suggestions/author queries will be sent back to us.
- Robin was sent contract language indicating what we would like to see in whatever agreement is presented to us. The publishing company no doubt will have its own contractual language and specifications.
- Sections of the "contract" included:
 - *Author permission* given to use chapter in the book
 - *Author credit*
 - In TOC and chapter title pages.
 - Standard footnote/endnote and bibliographical conventions will be used.
 - *Author payment*
 - # of books received (2 for each author) and possibly purchase discount.
 - *Author warranties:*
 - we are providing original material and not in public domain
 - *Rights acquired by publisher* (The following is what we say we are willing to grant):
 - ". . . continuing, nonexclusive, one-time World Anthology Rights, for publication in the English language anywhere in the world. It is also understood and agreed that the

Publisher may use this Work only in the above-mentioned Anthology – both paperback and electronic editions – and re-printings of it.”

- *Rights retained by Author (what we are asking for):*

- Copyright attribution to Author printed on copyright page in book.
- The copyright retention we want: our rights retention request, in its entirety, was stated as follows (as mentioned above, though, the publisher will have their own standard contractual language that may run counter to what we want and would call for negotiation).

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