



Governor's Advisory Commission on National Service and Volunteerism
EngageAR-Arkansas Service Commission
November 6, 2020 Virtual Meeting

In attendance: Amanda Richardson Nipper, Bruce Davis, Gloria Redman, Doyle Ray, Sheila Boyd, Paul Wellenberger, Vernard Henley, Sam Harris, Russ Swearingen, Robert Coon, Tina Winham, Susana O'Daniel

Ex-Officio CNCS Representative Sasha Ceasare

Staff present: Shana Chaplin, Kim Reed, Ashley Rietschier, Kathy Gattinger

9:00 Call to Order:

Chair Amanda Richardson Nipper called the meeting to order at 9:00 am
Shana Chaplin introduced Sasha Cesare, AmeriCorps Regional Office Senior Portfolio Manager

9:10 Consent Agenda:

Chair Amanda Richardson Nipper presented the August 7 minutes, the approval of the finances report, and adoption of Staff & Sub-Committee Reports. Gloria Redman moved to adopt the reports, Bruce Davis seconded the motion. Vernard Henley asked if staff could provide last year's number of volunteer hours served through the AmeriCorps programs to compare with this year's numbers. Shana Chaplin stated that the information could be provided. The motion passed unanimously.

9:20 New Business

- Adoption of Bylaws: Amanda Nipper read through the proposed changes, as outlined in the agenda. Paul Wellenberger moved the bylaws be amended as presented. Bruce Davis seconded the motion. Amanda Nipper noted the reasoning for the change in fiscal year, making it easier for the funding to be tracked across the three fiscal years in which the EngageAR Commission works. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Recommendation for AmeriCorps Alumni Association Nominee and approval of Secretary Key Letter submission: Bruce Davis moved to forward the letter and two nominations to Secretary Key. Tina Winham seconded the motion. Amanda Nipper asked Shana Chaplin to highlight the previous discussions and importance of the Alumni Association representation. Shana Chaplin reported the significance of perspective, opportunity to leverage and coordinate alumni advocacy, and build a partnership between the alumni and currently serving members. The motion passed unanimously.



- Competitive Grant Applications: Kim Reed presented information about two programs to be forwarded to AmeriCorps for competitive funding: Smart Start and Our House. Both organizations have been in the EngageAR portfolio and are in good standing. Gloria Redman moved to approve submission of these grants for competitive funding. Robert Coon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- CNCS Rebranding: Amanda Nipper reminded Commissioners CNCS had recently undergone a rebranding in an attempt to bring a unified message to national service. Shana Chaplin spoke the need for rebranding, efforts undertaken by CNCS prior to launching the branding and EngageAR current preparations to rebrand and shift EngageAR AmeriCorps programs to the new brand. The partnership with THV11 has afforded EngageAR the perfect opportunity to increase brand awareness. The new AmeriCorps PSA will run on THV11 as part of the Arkansan of the Day partnership.

9:45 Adjourn

There being no other business from the floor, Bruce Davis made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Paul Wellenberger seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:45.