



**July Board Meeting  
Minutes**

**July 1, 2025  
2:00 PM/ Zoom**

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**Present:** Kristi Farver Oaks, Allison Strekal, Tagen Vine, Sara Hofer, Traci Weller, Kyle Lantz, Maria Reed, Abigail Uhrich, Cynthia Winter, Anne Martin, Sarah Cahillane

**Absent:** Sarah Eckman

- I. **Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 2:14 pm
- II. **Welcome new board members** - Cynthia and Anne! Sarah Cahillane joined as a guest for the meeting to see if she would like to join.
- III. **Review of June Meeting Minutes** – No changes were made to the June minutes. Tagen approved, Traci seconded, approved.
- IV. **Financial Report** – Tagen gave an update on the June financials, all costs are normal. Quickbooks and Constant Contact are increasing slightly.
- V. **Committee Reports**
  - a. Summit Committee – Allison gave an update on Summit planning. Allison is waiting on a few more session descriptions from speakers. Will get the info to Kristi for the Save the Date postcard by the end of this week. Looking to get that in the mail in mid-July.
  - b. Sponsorship Committee – Tagen and Kyle will start working on sponsor outreach, looking at businesses in Great Falls for the Summit. Tagen is going to ask First Interstate if they would like to sponsor again; Kristi confirmed that Yellowstone is in for \$5k again. Tagen shared the sponsor spreadsheet and sponsor benefit package with all the new board members.
  - c. Awards & Recognition – Allison confirmed that we will just be doing one award at the Summit for Fundraiser of the Year, will open applications at the end of July for that. Will look at the new membership scholarship applications to see what has come in.
  - d. Communications Committee – Allison gave an update that Abigail is willing to chair this committee, she and Allison met early this week to go over what it entails. Allison will work on onboarding her to the role/introduce her to Laura. Will focus on Summit communications/promos the rest of the summer.
  - e. Membership Committee – Traci gave an update. Currently at 84 members. AFP Global is raising dues for everyone by \$50, the chapter will get half of that back. AFP Global is giving us 5 additional memberships to give away, for a total of 10. We will give the 5 additional ones away at the Summit.

- f. Professional Development Committee –Kristi gave an update, 27 people registered for the June 12 Lunch and Learn, about half showed up. The people who registered do get the recording and slides. Zeffy does not automatically send a calendar invite, so wondering if there is a way to do that? Anne and Cynthia are both interested in joining this committee.

**VI. Policy & Procedures Review & Discussion**

- a. AFP Member Fair Behavior policy - board reviewed this policy. Tegen moved to adopt as is, Allison seconded, approved.

**VII. New Member Board Orientation**

- a. There will be a new board member orientation on July 9. Kristi and Traci are leading it, everyone invited to join.

**VIII. Art Taylor Montana Trip** – Art Taylor, the new AFP CEO, had dinner with Traci, Kristi, Sara H., Maria, and Allison in Bozeman on June 5. He shared some of his ideas for AFP, including offering a deeply discounted membership for Executive Directors who don't have fundraising experience. He also wrote a letter of support for chapter for the AMB Foundation, which Traci is working on pursuing a grant for. Gave us a shoutout on LinkedIn and in the AFP Global Board nominating committee meeting!

**IX. AFP MT Growth Opportunities**

- a. Traci has two possibilities for grant funders - the High Stakes Foundation and AMB Foundation. She is thinking of asking \$15k from each - High Stakes would be more website redesign/infrastructure building, AMB would be paying an intern to help with comms. Thank you to Traci for her work on this!
- b. AFP MT Coaching at MNA Conference – Kevin Sylvester asked Traci if AFP MT members would be willing to provide mentoring sessions at the MNA conference in September. We sent an email to all members last week asking them to let Kristi know if they are interested. Low response so far, Kristi will send email from her account, rather than the Constant Contact one.

**X. New Business - AFP Foundation for Philanthropy Opportunity**

- a. The AFP Foundation is putting together a curriculum for chapters on DAFs and identified Montana as a state they would like to offer to. Would be a 4 hour training, they prefer in-person, and they would pay for the speaker, as well as the venue fee, and offer scholarships for people to attend. Board agreed this was a good idea, and we like the idea of doing this in conjunction with the 2026 Summit in Billings. Traci to follow up with them.

**XI. Adjourn**

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.

**Next Board Meeting**

Tuesday, August 5, 2025 at 2 pm on Zoom!