



## October Board Meeting

### Agenda

October 7, 2025

2:00 PM/Zoom

**Present:** Kristi Farver Oaks, Tagen Vine, Sara Hofer, Traci Weller, Kyle Lantz, Maria Reed, Abigail Ulrich, Allison Strekal, Anne Martin, Sarah Eckman

**Absent:** None

- I. **Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm.
- II. **Review of the September Board Meeting Minutes** – No changes were made to the September minutes, Traci Weller moved to approve, Sara Hofer seconded, approved.
- III. **Financial Report** - Kristi provided an update as Tagen joined the meeting later. Expenses and revenues were normal. The \$5000 sponsorship check from YBGR should be coming soon.
- IV. **Committee Reports**
  - a. Awards & Recognition – Allison reported that we didn't receive any nominations for Outstanding Fundraising Professional for this year, so we are not going to present it this year. Chamberlain nominations are open until November 15. Allison also talked about the board scholarship, which is \$1000 awarded to a board member for a conference of their choice. To apply, a board member needs to email Allison with the details and she will use a program to select someone randomly.
  - b. Summit – Allison gave an update on the Summit; about 40 people registered, including speakers, which is lower than previous years. Discussion about event logistics and who will bring what. Kristi will bring payment for Kari.
  - c. Sponsorship – No new sponsors for the Summit, Kyle is going to try and get some items to add to attendee swag bags in Great Falls.
  - d. Professional Development – Kristi shared that she and Anne have been working on setting the Lunch and Learn dates/topics for 2026. More info to come.
  - e. Membership – Maria gave the membership report, currently standing at 73. The \$50 increase to dues is now in effect. Reminder that members get a \$100 credit to use for a webinar by the end of the year. Next year, all premium webinars will be free! We will be giving away five memberships to non-member Summit attendees.
  - f. Communications – The Communications Committee is preparing content for the October newsletter, as well as more Summit communications. Maria will be the board member spotlight for this month's newsletter. Maria will also send info about the membership coupon.
- V. **2025 Annual Meeting Review** - reviewed the content for the Annual Meeting, which will happen during lunch on Thursday, October 23 at the Summit. Traci and Kristi will lead this.
- VI. **Policy & Procedures Review & Discussion**

- a. Clarified that we will be voting on the change to the Officer Terms Policy at the Annual Meeting at the Summit in Great Falls. That info was included in the September member newsletter.

**VII. AFP MT Growth Opportunities**

- a. Operations Grant Proposals - Traci and Sara have not heard anything back on either grant proposal (High Stakes or AMB).
- b. New Board Members - no new board member referrals. Cynthia Winter has exited the board, so we are currently at 10 members.

**VIII. AFP MT Gift to AFP Global Foundation** - discussion around giving a gift to the AFP Global Foundation as a Chapter. The gift would go to their capacity-building fund, gift sizes from other chapters range from \$500 to \$5000. The average gift size is around \$500. Sarah E. moved to make a gift of \$500, Traci seconded, approved.

**IX. 2026 Retreat** - the 2026 Board Retreat is tentatively scheduled for Friday, January 23rd in Bozeman at the MSU Alumni Foundation Conference Room.

**X. Adjourn** - Meeting adjourned at 2:58 p.m.