



AFP Montana Chapter
Thursday, October 23, 2025
Annual Meeting

Board members in Attendance: Sara Hofer, Kristi Farver Oaks, Tagen Vine, Traci Weller, Allison Strekal, Maria Reed, Anne Martin, Kyle Lantz, Abigail Uhrich

Absent: None

The meeting was called to order at 11:45 am by Chapter President Kristi Farver Oaks, who provided the welcome greeting and noted that a quorum was present.

Kristi read the updated mission and vision statements from the Chapter, which the board worked on updating this year.

- AFP Montana Mission Statement: The Association of Fundraising Professionals - Montana Chapter (AFP-MT) is dedicated to empowering fundraising professionals in communities throughout the region and building a thriving and supportive network of professionals. The core activities through which AFP-MT Chapter fulfills this mission include educational programming, mentorship, and promoting ethical and professional practices in philanthropy.
- AFP Montana Vision Statement: To be the leader and resource in strengthening the knowledge, credibility, and respect for the fundraising profession, thus stimulating generosity for positive impact in the communities in which we work and across the region.

Board member, Maria Reed, recognized local chapter member milestones:

- Kristi Farver Oaks - 5 Years

Kristi provided a State of the Chapter update. Highlights from the past year include:

- 2024 Summit held in Missoula with 87 attendees
- 19 Montanans attended AFP ICON in Seattle; the Board facilitated an evening network event for people to connect
- The Chapter hosted four Lunch & Learns in the spring of 2025, with approximately 250 attendees cumulatively
- Mix and Mingle events were held in Bozeman, Missoula, and Billings in April
- We are currently at 80 members, which is consistently higher than past years
- The Board is continuing to work through adopting AFP Global policies at the chapter level, with 11 policies adopted so far
- The Board is currently at 10 members, but we are always looking for more

- Several Board members had dinner with the new AFP Global CEO, Art Taylor, in Bozeman in June. We shared challenges and opportunities we are facing, and he shared a bit of his vision for the future of AFP.

Those in attendance were encouraged to review the minutes from the 2024 Annual Meeting. Allison Strekalm made the motion to approve the minutes, and Sara Hofer provided the second. The minutes from the 2024 Annual Meeting were unanimously approved.

Kristi Farver Oaks presented the financial report for AFP Montana and welcomed questions from the audience, of which there were none.

Chapter members reviewed a proposed amendment to the bylaws regarding board member term lengths. The current bylaws allow for one, two, or three-year terms. The amendment is changing the terms to be for three years to make things more consistent and allow for continuity of service. The amendment also confirms that new board directors can be voted on throughout the year by current board members and do not require full membership approval. The executive slate of offices requires a vote by the membership. Tagen Vine moved to approve the amendment. Abigail Uhrich seconded the motion, which was approved by the full membership.

Traci Weller then presented goals for 2026, which include:

- Increasing board members to 12, including some more geographically diverse members
- Growing chapter membership by 10%
- Securing diversified revenue streams for chapter, which includes exploring private grant opportunities
- Strengthening collaboration with other statewide nonprofit networks and peer groups

Traci presented the proposed slate of AFP MT Board of Directors Leadership for 2026:

Traci Weller, President;
Allison Strekal, President-Elect;
Tagen Vine, Treasurer;
Sara Hofer, Secretary;

Maria Reed moved to accept the slate of offices, Anne Martin seconded, and members in attendance unanimously approved the slate of Board Executive Leadership.

Traci shared a calendar of 2026 events, including board meetings.

Traci recognized Kristi Farver Oaks for her service as board president for the previous two years.

There was no new business.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Allison Strekal, Secretary