



November Board Meeting

Agenda

November 4, 2025

2:00 PM/Zoom

Present: Kristi Farver Oaks, Tagen Vine, Traci Weller, Allison Strekal, Anne Martin

Absent: Sara Hofer, Abigail Uhrich, Kyle Lantz, Maria Reed

- I. **Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 2:07 pm.
- II. **Review of the October Board Meeting Minutes** – No changes were made to the October meeting minutes, Tagen moved to approve, Kristi seconded, approved.
- III. **Financial Report** - Tagen provided an update on financials, we received both \$5k sponsorship checks and fees from Summit registration. All other expenses were normal. Kristi is meeting with Terry this week to cut checks for the rest of the Summit expenses.
- IV. **Committee Reports**
 - a. Awards & Recognition – Allison gave an update on the Chamberlain application. We've received five applications so far; it closes on Nov. 15. Tagen offered to help Allison review applications and pick a winner.
 - b. Summit – Allison gave a post-Summit update, thanking everyone for attending and helping. Feedback was positive, people enjoyed the sessions and speakers. The committee is having a further debrief meeting this week, but some initial ideas are to have a conversation with MNA about what partnering together could look like. Tentatively scheduled for Oct. 22-23 in Billings, with a possible AFP Global-sponsored DAF curriculum.
 - c. Sponsorship – No updates.
 - d. Professional Development – Kristi and Anne are meeting next week to talk about content for the 2026 Lunch and Learns. The initial plan is:
 - i. February - Funders Panel
 - ii. March - Planned Giving
 - iii. May - Young Professionals
 - iv. June - AI & Philanthropy
v. Other ideas include: Next Gen Giving, Donor Life Cycle, how to choose a CRM, Fundraising 101 Refresher. The board discussed that the Fundraising 101 could be a separate session, maybe two hours on a Friday morning. Also discussed the idea of offering some memberships for young professionals to help grow our membership base. The board agreed on sending a survey to members in December to ask what kind of content they want to see and to ask if anyone would be interested in presenting themselves (as a way to earn CFRE

experience). Liked the idea of having a donor on one of the panels, people liked that aspect of the Summit.

Discussed Mix and Mingles in April and agreed that we could each pick a date that worked for our community, rather than having them all on the same day, which doesn't always work.

- e. Membership – Traci gave an update on membership - we are at 86 members. Thanks to AFP Global for providing the five memberships that we gave away during the Summit. Will list those members in this month's newsletter. Billings hit their goal for membership this year, Traci will get them a prize. Anne suggested a traveling trophy for recognition of this each year.
- f. Communications – Compiled a list of items for the newsletter, which Traci will send to Abigail, including a Summit recap, Chamberlain reminder, listing new member winners, and a board profile of Maria.

V. 2025 Annual Meeting Recap: Sara and Kristi recorded a video for First Interstate Bank.

VI. Policy & Procedures Review & Discussion

- a. Traci attached the updated/approved bylaws and will get included in our yearly filing with the MT Secretary of State.

VII. AFP MT Growth Opportunities

- a. Operations Grant Proposals - Traci and Sara have not heard anything back on the High Stakes proposal
- b. For 2026 - would like to identify additional funders to submit to, with the biggest need being help with communications.
- c. New board members - Anne will reach out to April Barnings and Callie Hauck. Kristi will reach out to Danielle from the Billings Clinic and Krista from MSUB.

VIII. AFP MT Gift to AFP Global Foundation - Kristi will make sure our \$500 gift to the AFP Global Foundation gets made.

IX. 2026 Retreat - the 2026 Board Retreat is scheduled for Friday, January 23rd, in Bozeman at the MSU Alumni Foundation Conference Room from 9 am to 3 pm. Backup date in case of snow is Friday, March 6.

X. Adjourn - Meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

No meeting in December or January because of the retreat.

Next meeting: Tuesday, February 3 at 2 p.m. Traci will send out new Zoom links for next year.