

**Delaware Coalition for Open Government
Virtual Board Meeting by Zoom
Tuesday, April 4, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER: Al Jackson called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Pre-board reports:

1. Minutes March 7, 2023
2. Bank Statements of March 31, 2023
3. Treasurer's Report of March 31, 2023
4. Clair Snyder, Executive Director for Common Cause of Delaware, letter in support of an Inspector General for Delaware

PRESENT: David Breen, Letty Diswood, Al Jackson., Coralie Pryde, Anita Rush, Cynthia Smith,

Absent: John Flaherty, John Kowalko III, Nick Wasileski

DelCOG members: Bill Herron, Sharon Kwiatkowski, Lynn Troy Maniscalco, Marcel Reid.

REGULAR BUSINESS

1. **Introduction:** Jackson (in the absence of Kowalko III, welcomed board members, DelCOG members and guests.
2. **Meeting Minutes:** It was moved and seconded, to accept Draft #1 of the minutes of the March 7, 2023. Motions approved unanimously.
3. **Treasurer Report:** Anita Rush noted that there was no activity in March and gave the following Treasurer's Reports.
The current balances in the checking and savings accounts:
 WSFS checking account balance as of March 31, 2023, was \$3,853.27.
 WSFS savings account balance as of March 31, 2023, was \$4,779.14.
 Total account balance as of March 31, 2023, was \$8,632.41.
The Treasurer's report was adopted as read.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. **Inspector General Chapter Committee:** Jackson discussed the letter from Clair Snyder, Executive Director of Common Cause of Delaware in support of an Inspector General for Delaware. The letter had been forwarded to the board by Kowalko III. Jackson explained the need for an IG for Delaware is urgently needed right now.
5. **LLC Committee Updates:** Wasileski was absent – No report.
6. **FOIA Committee:** Kowalko. III absent – no report
7. **Sunshine Week 2023** – Diswood reported that the flyer with registration has been distributed and encouraged all to share with friends and organizations.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 1. Lead Free Delaware Update:** Amy Roe absent - no report.
- 2. Seaford Elections:** Amy Roe absent – no report.
- 3. National Police FOIA Project:** Flaherty absent – no report.
- 4. HB 39 Police Fund:** Kowalko, III absent – no report.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Common Cause Award:** Flaherty absent – no report.
- 2. Update on DC Sunshine Week event:** Smith reported that she has attended the event and gave a brief summary of workshops attended, topics and the speakers she found very informative. She hopes DelCOG will again do an event in person..
- 3. Publishing Legislator contacts information:** Kowalko absent. Diswood briefly discussed issues that had come up at another organization’s meeting.

OPEN FORUM

- 1.** Marcel Reid discussed that whistle blowers and people for civil and human rights should be working for the same thing and convince people to tell the truth. A suggestion was made to have a person from DC speak on that issue at one of our hybrid board meetings.
- 2.** Breen said that the next step for Delaware is passing the Inspector General bill.

The next DelCOG Board meeting will be Tuesday, May 24, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. by Zoom.

Adjourned: 7:10 p.m.

Submitted by Letty Diswood, Secretary