



**NY Metropolitan ASPA Chapter Executive Council Meeting**

**Thursday, February 23, 2023**

**7:30 pm - 8:30 pm (EST)**

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**1. Call to Order (R. Kolenda)**

**2. Roll Call/Introductions (R. Kolenda)**

A. Roll Call

Ric Kolenda, President

Michael Cruz, Secretary

Ras Laurent, Past President

Bill Ciaccio, Council Member

KE Walcott, Council Member

Stephen Rolandi, Council Member

Chris Bisonette, Council Member

Tyresa Jackson, President-elect

Rahul Pathak, Treasurer

Usha Narasimhan, Council Member

Tom Hotz, Council Member

LaSonya Thompson, Council Member

Jasmin Azcona, Council Member

Attendees: J. Azcona, C. Bisonette, B. Ciaccio, T. Jackson, E. Kolenda, U. Narasimhan, R. Pathak, L. Thompson, KE Walcott

### 3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

I. Meeting minutes: December 14, 2023

Motion: J. Azcona

All-in-Favor: 9

Abstentions: 0

Objections: 0

II. Meeting minutes: November 15, 2022:

Motion: J. Azcona

All-in-Favor: 9

Abstentions: 0

Objections: 0

### 4. Officers' Report

A. President's report (R. Kolenda)

- The February newsletter was distributed on social media - Facebook and Twitter
- A tentative in-person membership meeting scheduled for March 2023
- The ASPA NY Metro Annual Meeting scheduled for May 2023

B. Treasurer's report (R. Pathak)

Expenses: ASPA NY Metro Chapter Annual Meeting Subsidy: \$ 2,000

Total budget: \$ 9401.01

C. Program Committee Report (T. Jackson)

I. 2023 ASPA NY Metro Annual Meeting

**Date:** May, 23, 2023, 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm

**Location:** Pace University, Bianco Room, Civic Center (NYC)

**Ticket price:** \$ 10 (students); \$ 15 (retirees); \$ 25 (professionals)

#### Overview

The theme for 2023 ASPA NY Metro Chapter Annual Meeting event is *Public Service and the future of American Democracy*. This event is being held in conjunction with Public Service Month. A short list of potential keynote speakers was created. Our leading contender is Dr. Ruth Ben-Ghiat of New York University (NYU) who has published extensively on dictatorship and democracy.

## Attendees

- Either Bill Shields (ASPA Executive Director) or Karen Garrett (ASPA C.O.O.) will represent national ASPA from Washington, DC.
- ASPA National Council Rep. (District 1) Maria D'Agostino and Gina Scutelnicu, Chair-elect of NeCOPA.

## Awards committee

- An awards committee has been assembled. The call for nominations will go out soon.

## Sponsorship

- The Board is seeking sponsors for this event. If you have any leads/ideas, please contact S. Roandi at [srolandi@jjay.cuny.edu](mailto:srolandi@jjay.cuny.edu) .

## Black History Month Event

**Topic:** The Rise and Fall of Jim Crow Documentary

**Time:** Feb 24, 2023, 04:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/82119576161?pwd=eHAxbkpTZmJ0Yk5zZmNmZTJRVW9uZz09>

Meeting ID: 821 1957 6161

Passcode: dw2x25

## **5. Old Business (R. Kolenda)**

- I. No report at this time

## **6. New Business (R. Kolenda)**

- I. ASPA NY Metro Chapter Annual Meeting Committee: March 15, 2023
- II. Tentative In-person ASPA NY Metro Chapter Reception: March 21, 2023
- III. NY Metro Chapter Annual Chapter Meeting: May 23, 2023

## **7. Announcements**

- I. Please email submissions (job announcements, fellowship information, etc.) for the March newsletter to [aspanymetrochapter@gmail.com](mailto:aspanymetrochapter@gmail.com).
- II. Please contact B. Caccio if you have questions or would like to learn about employment opportunities at the Metropolitan Transit Authority.

## **8. Adjournment:** 8:06 pm

Motion: B. Caccio  
Second: L. Thompson  
All-in-Favor: 9  
Abstentions: 0  
Objections: 0

Minutes recorded and prepared by: T.Jackson