



NENA Federation Meeting Minutes
Saturday, August 6, 2022, |Time: 4:15 pm
Renaissance Washington, D.C. Downtown Hotel

Kirsten Tripodi and Jeffrey Lolli, presiding; members in attendance – 36 (see attached list)

1. Kirsten Tripodi called the meeting to order at 4:21 pm
 - Kirsten reminded members of the ICHRIE Mission, Vision & Values that serve as the governing principles that help us make our decisions:
 - ICHRIE is a global and multicultural community of hospitality and tourism professionals dedicated to the pursuit, discovery, advancement, and sharing of knowledge and experiences, relevant to the hospitality and tourism industry and its future leaders.
 - Highlights of the past year – successful NENA Spring Conference and new website
 - Passed the pineapple to the incoming president, Jeffrey Lolli.
2. **The minutes** of the March 20, 2022, NENA Federation meeting were approved as distributed.
3. **NENA Federation Board Reports**
 - a. **Vice President:** Tracy Michaud
 - Looking forward to working with the other federation VPs on the ICHRIE strategic plan and keeping the momentum going within NENA Federation
 - b. **Treasurer: Joseph Scarcelli**
 - Due to the success of the Spring Conference, NENA now has a budget balance of over \$34,000
 - Promise Award scholarship has been shifted to the Fall semester – members were asked to look out for an announcement early in the semester
 - Joe also noted that he is seeking 3-4 volunteers for the scholarship committee
 - c. **Secretary: Maureen Gittelman**
 - Proposed Changes to the NENA Bylaws:
 - Maureen thanked members for their feedback on the draft bylaws that were sent to the membership on July 4th
 - Based on that feedback, three “friendly amendments were presented and discussed
 - A motion to approve the draft bylaws with the friendly amendments was made by Fred Mayo and seconded by Ruth Lee O’Rourke; the motion passed unanimously.
 - d. **Director of Research: Noel Naylor (via email)**
 - The International Journal of Gaming Hospitality and Tourism is offering a high-impact learning opportunity for undergraduate and graduate students in the fields of hospitality, gaming, tourism, and event management in a special student issue. This is a great opportunity to use your class time to not only provide exposure to your students but also get more opportunities for publication of the critical work we all do each day. The special issue aligns directly with the fall semester. Please note that there was a QR code provided in the welcome bag for the conference and any direct questions, please reach out to Noel Criscione-Naylor. Also, there is a specific rubric and paper format for the submission which falls under industry commentary, so you do not have to worry about having to produce a traditional research paper, and this can be easily integrated into your existing assignments. Would love to see strong NENA university/college representation. I also want to personally thank Sheryl Kline for helping bring this opportunity to life.

Looking forward to beginning planning for our next NENA annual conference, and if any members have ideas on specific research opportunities, please share. We did receive feedback from the last conference, and we will work our best to incorporate and continue to add value to our programming for members. This includes professional development opportunities, sessions that

meet the needs of HS educators, junior faculty, and so forth as well as scheduling enough time to move and attend sessions.

Lastly, we look forward to launching our Rise & Grind sessions. We received overwhelming positive feedback and look forward to hearing your ideas and needs as we go forward.

e. Director of Conferences & Events: Tony Kim and Jennifer Forney

- Tony noted that the NENA Spring Conference was the first fully in-person conference of all Federations with 50 attendees! The wine education and tasting reception were well-received and the post-conference survey included positive reviews and helpful feedback.
- A member recommended adding a speed research session at the next conference
- Income Director Jennifer Forney via email: "Once we have a list of those interested in joining the conference committee I will connect with everyone. We will be in West Virginia and I look forward to working with AJ Aluri and his team to provide an awesome 2023 conference experience for our NENA members!"

f. Director of Education: Ya-Ling Chen

- Rise & Grind will resume in the Fall of 2022; expect the first one to take place in October
- Member ideas for topics are welcome – please send them to Ya-Ling
- A suggestion was made to rotate time to be more accommodating of schedules and Canadian members

g. Director of Membership & Marketing: Tracy Michaud for Annamarie Sisson

- Outgoing Director Tracy Michaud discussed the Area Consultant role was changed to Member-at-Large new bylaws
- We are seeking a minimum of three members-at-large; if interested please reach out to Tracy or any board member
- Members were encouraged to check and update member profiles on the ICHRIE website.

4. Upcoming Conferences

- 2023 NENA Spring Conference – West Virginia University, March, 31-April, 2
- 2024 NENA Spring Conference- University of Southern Maine, April 5-7
- 2023 ICHRIE Summer Conference – Phoenix, AZ, July 19-21
- 2024 ICHRIE Summer Conference – Montreal, Quebec Canada

5. Old Business - None

6. New Business

- Fall Meeting and Networking Event
 - HX Hotel Experience has changed significantly and doesn't have the same appeal to educators – therefore, the NENA Board started exploring new ideas that would focus more on students, including ESD members, who are considered ICHRIE members. The event would be at the same time of year, the second weekend of November
 - The ESD event would include a tour of Met Life Stadium on Friday and a CMAA Sponsor event at the Canoe Brook Club on Saturday
 - The NENA Federation meeting would take place Saturday afternoon and the Fall Networking Reception would follow the meeting.
 - Working on sponsorships to keep costs down and looking at hotels in Northern NJ
 - Members asked if the board had reached out to the NYC CVB for sponsorship and if schools without ESD bring students. If there is space non-ESD members will be permitted to attend.
 - Jeff Lolli asked those present about the likelihood of members traveling with students this fall and if travel funding would be impacted if the NENA events were not tied to HX. It was recommended that a small event be planned this year to account for all of the changes.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:11 pm.

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Attendance

Name	School
Jennifer Forney	SUNY Jamestown Community College
Fredrick "Chuck" Meitner	East Stroudsburg university
Barbara Jean Bruin	Northampton Community College
Dr. AJ Aluri	West Virginia University
Tony Kim	JMU
Jarrett Bachman	Fairleigh Dickinson university
Joy Dickerson	Delaware County Community College
Jennifer Galipeau	Johnson & Wales -Providence
Stanley Chiang	Stanley Chiang
Matthew J Samel	Johnson & Wales University
Kirsten Tripodi	Sacred Heart University
Markus Schuckert	University of New Hampshire
Maria Matthews	MSVU
Jane Boyland	Johnson & Wales University
Maureen Gittelman	Dutchess Community College
Vinnie Rege	Bristol Community College
Lynsey Madison	Community College of Philadelphia
Jai Girard	James Madison University
Yang Yang	Temple University
Tassie Pippert	James Madison University
Caroline Paras	University of Maine
Ya-Ling Chen	SUNY Brockport
Muhammet Kesgin	Rochester Institute of Technology
Zheng Xiang	Virginia Tech
Donna Albano	Stockton
Chang Huh	College of Hospitality, Sport, and Tourism Management - Niagara University
Ruth O'Rourke	James Madison University
Jeanine DiNardo	Atlantic Cape Community College
Abena Aidoo	George Mason University
Christine Cleaver	Temple University
Joe Scarcelli	York College of Pennsylvania
Tracy Michaud	University of Southern Maine
Fred Mayo	New York University
Matthew Geel	Wor-Wic Community College
Jeff Lolli	Widener University
Linda Forristal	UMES