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# CRPA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

January 29, 2013



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**IN ATTENDANCE:** Marc Blanchard, Frank Cooper, Bill Engle, Cheryl Hancin (9:29 a.m.), Joshua Medeiros (9:17 a.m.), Paul Norris (12:18 p.m.), Alex Palluzzi, Anna Park, Chris Rusack, Kristine Vincent and Valerie Stolfi-Collins, Executive Director

## I. RITUAL ITEMS

- **ROLL CALL:** Meeting called to order at 9:10 a.m. by Alex Paluzzi
- **MEMBER COMMENTS:**
  - Tom Cataldi from Pioneer Athletics reported that CRPA and CPA will jointly sponsor the Spring Quarterly in Late April/Early May, possibly at Rentschler field. The first 50 delegates will be free (3 max per department) and others will cost \$25/person. CRPA will handle all registrations and costs will be divided among CPA and CRPA based on membership from each agency respectively. The morning session will be geared to the Parks track and the afternoon session will be geared to the recreation side.
- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Bill Engle made a motion to accept the minutes from the December, 2012 Executive Board Meeting. Frank Cooper seconded. All in favor 7-0.
- **APPROVAL OF TREASURERS REPORT:**
  - **Financials:** Reviewed Financials at a Glance, Budget Actuals and Check Detail. Valerie indicated there was a \$5,000 gain in investments. Some discussion was held regarding transfer of excess funds to the reserves. Tabled to the next meeting. Kristine Vincent made a motion to approve the Treasurers report. Frank Cooper seconded. All in favor 7-0.
- **EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT:**
  - **Binders:** Valerie has created binders for each member of the Board with tabs for events, bylaws, meeting minutes, etc...
  - **Membership Update:** January, 2013-February 2013 renewals have been sent. There are still a few outstanding renewals from 2012.
  - **Office Organization:** Valerie and Amy spent a good amount of time getting rid of old documents in storage after consulting with the accountant.
  - **2013 Events:**
    - Leadership Breakfast to be held after meeting on 1/29. 13 past Presidents and 1 past Executive Director will be in attendance. New England Recreation Group is sponsoring the event.
    - The Winter Quarterly will be held on February 6, 2013 in Wethersfield. It is sold out with an estimate profit of \$360.
    - Entertainment Showcase will be held in East Hartford on 2/21/13 with a snow date of 2/28/13. The large and small stage is sold out. Delegate registration still needs a boost.
    - Hot Shots Statewide Competition will be held in Stratford on 3/24/13. 11 Towns are hosting local competitions thus far.
    - CPSI will take place in Woodbury May 7-9, 2013. 4 registrants thus far. 30 are needed to run the course.
    - Hershey State Meet in June 22, 2013.
    - The Golf Tournament is looking for a new location in 2013.

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- 2013 Six Flags and Lake Compounce Consignment Group Tickets will go up in cost by \$1 from 2012 pricing. Six Flags Good any day tickets will go up by \$2. Mel Voucher Tickets for Six Flags will increase by \$.50.
- CRPA met with chairs and ranking members of the Public Safety Committee to discuss pending pool safety legislation. The Chairs asked that CRPA work with CAS/CIAC to draft proposed legislation.

**II. ACTION ITEMS:**

**III. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- **Legislative Committee:**

- Josh Medeiros made a motion that CRPA add Item #1 to the Legislative Agenda previously approved at the October, 2012 meeting. Item # 1 will read “CRPA recommends the following for inclusion in any legislation regarding pool safety: A public pool is a municipal owned swimming pool consisting of an artificial basin constructed of concrete, steel, fiberglass or other relatively impervious material and has a controlled water supply which is used for open swims, swimming instructions, and or coaching. All public pools shall have a minimum of one certified lifeguard on duty during instructional swim lessons and/or open swim. All public pools shall have a minimum of either one lifeguard or one coach that is lifeguard certifies during all swim team practices and/or meets and such coach shall remain in view of the pool while in use. Bill Engle seconded. All in favor 9-0.

**RECESS BREAK @ 10:00 a.m.**

**END OF RECESS @ 12:18 p.m.**

- Marshall Collins presented the Swimming Pool Safety recommendations for approval put together by CRPA and CAS. Because the organizations have different responsibilities, they have set forth separate recommendations in one document. Frank Cooper made a motion to move forward with the Swimming Pool Safety recommendations as presented. Paul Norris seconded. All in favor 10-0.

**IV. OLD BUSINESS:** None

**V. NEW BUSINESS:** None

**VI. RESIGNATIONS & APPOINTMENTS:** None

**VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

- Marc Blanchard made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:32 p.m. Bill Engle seconded. All in favor 10-0.

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CONNECTICUT RECREATION  
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# CRPA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

February 19, 2013



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**IN ATTENDANCE:** Rick Audet, Marc Blanchard, Bob Ceccolini, Bill Engle, Joshua Medeiros, Elle Noel, Alex Palluzzi, Anna Park, Chris Rusack, Kristine Vincent and Valerie Stolfi-Collins, Executive Director

## I. RITUAL ITEMS

- **ROLL CALL:** Meeting called to order at 9:38 a.m. by Alex Paluzzi
- **MEMBER COMMENTS:**
  - Tom Cataldi from Pioneer Athletics reported that CPA will be meeting in West Hartford on Wednesday 2/20/13. On Thursday, June 6, 2013 NE Parks is planning their Spring Meeting in South Windsor with Vendors etc... Tom thought this might be a good venue/event to combine with CRPA for the Spring Quarterly instead of what was currently being planned to be held in Rocky Hill in the spring. The group discussed options but ultimately decided to keep the spring plans the same in Rocky Hill but potentially partner with CPA on June 6, 2013 as a summer CRPA event.
  - Alex Palluzzi gave a synopsis of the Leadership Meeting held in January. 30 people attended and the meeting was well received.
- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Chris Rusack made a motion to accept the minutes from the January, 2013 Executive Board Meeting. Bob Ceccolini seconded. All in favor 10-0.
- **APPROVAL OF TREASURERS REPORT:**
  - **Financials:** Reviewed Financials at a Glance, Budget Actuals and Check Detail. Marc Blanchard made a motion to approve the Treasurers report. Rick Audet seconded. All in favor 10-0.
  - **Excess Funds:** Bob Ceccolini made a motion that 75% of the FY2012 Net Income (approximately \$24,000) be moved into the investment account and 25% (approximately \$8,000) be used to create a new Capital Improvement account to be included within the CRPA Financials at a Glance. Marc Blanchard seconded. All in favor 10-0.
- **EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT:**
  - **Membership Update:** January, 2013-March 2013 renewals have been sent. There are still a few outstanding renewals from 2012.
  - **Office Organization:** Valerie and Amy spent a good amount of time getting rid of old documents in storage after consulting with the accountant.
  - **2013 Events:**
    - Leadership Meeting: 30 attended. Profit of \$364.33
    - Winter Quarterly was held on February 6, 2013 in Wethersfield. 57 attended. Estimated profit \$885.08.
    - Entertainment Showcase will be held in East Hartford on 2/21/13. The large and small stage is sold out as well as booths. 71 delegates and 71 entertainers/booths. Sold \$3.055 in ads. Revenue thus far is \$19,416.
    - Hot Shots Statewide Competition will be held in Stratford on 3/24/13. 15 Towns are hosting local competitions thus far.
    - CPSI will take place in Woodbury May 7-9, 2013. 9 registrants thus far. 30 are needed to run the course.
    - Hershey State Meet in June 22, 2013. The committee is meeting on 2/20/13.

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- Camp College: Coventry will be hosting. Valerie is meeting with them on 2/26/13 to coordinate hosting.
- The Golf Tournament is looking for a new location in 2013.
- **2013 Consignment Tickets:**
  - Six Flags and Lake Compounce Consignment Group Tickets will go up in cost by \$1 from 2012 pricing. Six Flags Good any day tickets will go up by \$2. Meal Voucher Tickets for Six Flags will increase by \$.50. Science Center tickets will remain the same price.
- **Legislative Update:**
  - Pool Safety: Josh Medeiros testified before the Public Safety Committee. Ray Favreau and Jaime Krajewski also attended.
  - DEEP: CRPA met with DEEP liasons to discuss agency initiatives. This is the 100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary.
  - IPM: The current Bill on the table would prohibit pesticide use in public and private schools grades K-12. Expands the ban to include high schools and changes the emergency application and approval process. Ray Favreau is testifying on behalf of CRPA in opposition to the Bill, consistent with the CRPA approved legislative agenda, as the bill does not allow for science-based research as the means of deciding what treatments can be used.
  - Minimum Wage: SB 387 proposes a \$.75 increase beginning 7/1/13 and a \$.75 increase beginning 7/1/14 with indexing thereafter. Membership was asked for feedback calculating the actual costs of this increase to their departments.

**II. ACTION ITEMS:** None

**III. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- **Legislative Committee:** See Director's report.
- **2013 Conference Committee Report:** The contract with Mohegan has not been signed because of some minor details still to be worked out such as \$3,500 deposit required (last year there was none). Room rates will be increasing by \$4. The tentative conference schedule will be presented at the conference meeting next week. Matt Scofield will be working on some vendor sessions.
- **Aquatics Section:** Josh Medeiros reported that approximately 20 people attended the last meeting which was held at the Chelsea Piers in Stamford. There were several new people. Attendees received a tour of the \$55 million dollar facility. The group all agreed with the legislative agenda regarding pool safety. Many expressed concern/frustration with the American Red Cross regarding changes in the way they accept payment and other aspects of their operation. There will be a new learnt to swim program in 2013. The group also discussed advocating for aquatics through programs such as the Save a Life scholarship program that helps children get swim lessons.

**IV. OLD BUSINESS:** None

**V. NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Jim Capodiece Lifetime Membership:** Bob Ceccolini made a motion that Jim Capodiece be presented with a Lifetime Membership certificate at his retirement. Alex Paluzzi seconded. All in favor 10-0.

**VI. RESIGNATIONS & APPOINTMENTS:** None

**VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

- Bob Ceccolini made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:32 a.m. Anna Park seconded. All in favor 10-0.

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# CRPA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

March 15, 2013



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**IN ATTENDANCE:** Rick Audet, Marc Blanchard, Bill Engle, Joshua Medeiros, Elle Noel (9:50 a.m.), Alex Palluzzi, Anna Park, Chris Rusack, Kristine Vincent and Valerie Stolfi-Collins, Executive Director

## I. RITUAL ITEMS

- **ROLL CALL:** Meeting called to order at 9:36 a.m. by Alex Paluzzi
- **MEMBER COMMENTS:**
- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Marc Blanchard made a motion to accept the minutes from the February, 2013 Executive Board Meeting. Rick Audet seconded. All in favor 8-0.
- **APPROVAL OF TREASURERS REPORT:**
  - **Financials:** Reviewed Financials at a Glance, Budget Actuals and Check Detail. Rick Audet made a motion to approve the Treasurers report. Bill Engle seconded. All in favor 8-0.
  - **Capitol Improvement:** Valerie opened a new Webster Savings Account designated for Capital Improvement Funds. The account needs to maintain a \$500 minimum balance and allows transfer from savings to checking when purchases need to be made. The transfer into the Meryll Lynch account had yet to be made.
- **EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT:**
  - **Membership Update:** January, 2013-April, 2013 renewals have been sent. There are still a few outstanding renewals from 2012. All have been contacted and intend to pay.
  - **2013 Events:**
    - Entertainment Showcase was held in East Hartford on 2/21/13. The large and small stage and booths sold out. 101 delegates and 72 entertainers/booths. Exceed last year's ad sales by \$1,545. Exceed last year's booth sales by \$2,300. Expenses for 2013 were less than 2012 by \$1,250.91. Total Profit was \$16,919.91.
    - Hot Shots Statewide Competition will be held in Stratford on 3/24/13. 16 Towns are hosting local competitions thus far. Exceeded 2012 ribbon sales by \$156.50
    - Spring Quarterly will be held on April 23<sup>rd</sup> in Rocky Hill. The schedule and flyer have been finalized.
    - CPSI will take place in Woodbury May 7-9, 2013. 16 registrants thus far. Need 14 more to run the course.
    - Summer Quarterly will be held on June 6<sup>th</sup> in South Windsor in conjunction with the NEPA Conference. CRPA's breakout session will be DCF Mandated Reporter Training from 10:10-12:10. NEPA will charge \$20 to attend for the day, \$14 of which will go to CRPA for their attendees. Kristine suggested it would make sense to have an additional session after lunch to make it worthwhile and appeal to more CRPA members. Valerie will look into the possibility of offering another session.
    - Hershey State Meet in June 22, 2013. Planning has been completed and information is available on the website and through listserve e-blasts.
    - Camp College: Coventry will be hosting. Program will be held on June 8<sup>th</sup>. Presenters are needed.
    - Valerie will be meeting with representatives from Hawks Landing Golf Course in Southington about using them as a possible location for the 2013 Golf Tournament.
    - CRPA State Conference: The contract has been signed and the vendor and marketing brochure are on the website. The committee is working on finalizing the keynote and

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recruiting for presenters for breakout sessions. Landsdown will be used for the social and the sponsor is on board.

- **2013 Consignment Tickets:**

- Several good any day orders have come in.

- **Legislative Update:**

- **Pool Safety:** Marshall Collins met with LCO attorneys to help draft the language. Although the draft was not currently available, Marshall was able to obtain a copy. The draft included requirements within subsection (b) that required swimming coaches, instructors or teachers to be lifeguard AND WSI certified. The committee felt that this was overkill and that the whole of subsection (b) could be eliminated as long as other portions of the bill remained intact.
- **IPM:** There are several IPM bills in 3 committees (Education, Environment, and Children). The legislature will most likely combine the bills to make one large bill. The Safe Grounds Committee (of which CRPA is a part of) is pushing for a taskforce. If this happens, Marshall will ensure CRPA has representation on the taskforce.
- **Criminal Background Checks:** CRPA submitted written testimony asking for a provision to extend criminal background check fee exemptions to municipalities for employees and volunteers working with vulnerable populations. The bill, as written, would only give exemptions to state agencies.
- **Minimum Wage:** SB 387 proposed substitute language to the original bill. Beginning 1/1/14 there would be a \$.75 increase and a \$.75 increase beginning 1/1/15 with indexing thereafter.

**II. ACTION ITEMS:** None

**III. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- **Legislative Committee:** See Executive Director's report.
- **2013 Conference Committee Report:** See Executive Director's report.

**IV. OLD BUSINESS:** None

**V. NEW BUSINESS:**

**VI. RESIGNATIONS & APPOINTMENTS:** None

**VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

- Marc Blanchard made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:39 a.m. Josh Medeiros seconded. All in favor 9-0.

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# CRPA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

April 16, 2013



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**IN ATTENDANCE:** Rick Audet, Marc Blanchard, Bob Ceccolini, Frank Cooper, Bill Engle, Cheryl Hancin, Alex Palluzzi, Anna Park, and Valerie Stolfi-Collins, Executive Director

## I. RITUAL ITEMS

- **ROLL CALL:** Meeting called to order at 9:39 a.m. by Alex Paluzzi
- **MEMBER COMMENTS:** Tom Cataldi reported that the CPA Golf Tournament will be held on Friday 5/31 at Waterbury Western Hills.
- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Rick Audet made a motion to accept the minutes from the March, 2013 Executive Board Meeting. Frank Cooper seconded. All in favor 8-0.
- **APPROVAL OF TREASURERS REPORT:**
  - **Financials:** Reviewed Financials at a Glance, Budget Actuals and Check Detail. Frank Cooper made a motion to approve the Treasurers report. Marc Blanchard seconded. All in favor 8-0.
  - **Accounts:** Valerie indicated that all accounts have been set up. The 75% transfer of net profits has been made to the Merryl Lynch account and will be on next month's report.
  - **Budget vs. Previous Year Comparison:** Valerie will provide a budget versus previous year comparison at the next meeting.
- **EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT:**
  - **Membership Update:** January, 2013-May, 2013 renewals have been sent. There are still a few outstanding renewals from 2012. All have been contacted and intend to pay.
  - **2013 Events:**
    - Hot Shots Statewide Competition was held in Stratford on 3/24/13. 16 Towns hosted local competitions. Exceeded 2012 ribbon sales by \$156.50. 65 children qualified for States.
    - Spring Quarterly will be held on April 23<sup>rd</sup> in Rocky Hill in the Community Center Gym. 98 registrants (106 including speakers). Tom Irwin sponsored the event for \$1,000. The event should break even or turn a small profit.
    - CPSI will take place in Woodbury May 7-9, 2013. 21 registrants thus far. The class is a go, but ideally 4 additional registrants are needed.
    - Summer Quarterly will be held on June 6<sup>th</sup> in South Windsor in conjunction with the NEPA Conference. CRPA's breakout session will be DCF Mandated Reporter Training from 10:10-12:10. NEPA will charge \$20 to attend for the day, \$14 of which will go to CRPA for their attendees. Valerie is trying to secure a 2<sup>nd</sup> session.
    - Hershey State Meet in June 22, 2013. 9 local meets have registered thusfar.
    - Camp College: Coventry will be hosting and has 6 members on the planning committee. Program will be held on June 8<sup>th</sup>. 21 educational sessions are secured and marketing will begin at the Spring Quarterly.
    - Lifeguard Olympics will be held on July 27<sup>th</sup> in South Windsor. Event details and registration information are online.
    - The Golf Tournament has been set for September 19<sup>th</sup> at Hawks Landing Golf Course in Southington. They matched West Hartford's pricing from last year and are providing free coffee at registration.
    - CRPA State Conference: The contract has been signed and small deposit sent. The schedule and logo are set. The vendor and marketing brochure has been distributed (2 vendors thusfar). The website has been updated. Call for speakers is out and the keynote has been chosen (Paul Assaiante, Trinity Squash Coach).
  - **2013 Consignment Tickets:**
    - Several good any day orders have come in.



- **Legislative Update:**

- Valerie attended the NRPA Legislative Forum in DC from March 19-21. There are several Federal legislative issues including MAP 21, LWCF State Assistance Program, and the Community Parks Revitalization Act.
- Pool Safety: To date, there are 2 bills, one in education and one in public safety. CRPA suggests the following changes to the bills:
  - No requirement that all coaches and instructors be Lifeguard certified.
  - A certified lifeguard who is solely responsible for the safety of pool users must be on duty at all times when a public pool is in use, except during competitive swim practices and/or meets a lifeguard does not need to be on duty if 2 coaches who are lifeguard certified are present on the pool deck (certification should include lifeguard, CPR, First Aid, and AED training).
  - No requirement for WSI Certification as it is costly and difficult to obtain and maintain.
- IPM: The Environment Committee voted SB 914 out of committee with strike all substitute language. This means the entire language in the bill has changed, including the title. The new language creates a task force to study the health effects of pesticide use. Currently there is no representation from schools or municipal park maintenance staff (No CRPA or CPA).
- Criminal Background Checks: SB 969 is currently before the Financial Revenue and bonding Committee. CRPA submitted testimony to extend the criminal background check fee exemption to municipalities for employees and volunteers working with vulnerable populations. The bill, as written, would only give exemptions to state agencies.
- Minimum Wage: SB 387 is currently on the Senate calendar and proposes the following: Beginning 1/1/14 there would be a \$.75 increase and a \$.75 increase beginning 1/1/15 with indexing thereafter. Marshall does not think the bill will move forward as the Governor and Speaker both have indicated they do not support this initiative.

**II. ACTION ITEMS:** None

**III. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- **Legislative Committee:** See Executive Director's report.
- **2013 Conference Committee Report:** See Executive Director's report.
- **Entertainment Showcase:** Frank Cooper discussed the need to book vendors from Entertainment Showcase to keep those vendors coming back. Additionally, Frank discussed the need to contact Towns that have performer to encourage those that are not to become members and/or involved with Entertainment Showcase.

**IV. OLD BUSINESS:** None

**V. NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Fingerprinting:** Cheryl Hancin discussed difficulty with recent fingerprinting with the State Police. She urges those that use this system to plan ahead because wait times have been long and there have been mistakes.

**VI. RESIGNATIONS & APPOINTMENTS:** None

**VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

- Bill Engle made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:51 a.m. Marc Blanchard seconded. All in favor 8-0.





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# CRPA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

May 21, 2013



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**IN ATTENDANCE:** Marc Blanchard, Frank Cooper, Bill Engle, Cheryl Hancin, Josh Medeiros, Alex Palluzzi, Anna Park, Chris Rusack, Kristine Vincent, Tom Cataldi (Guest), John LaRue (Guest), Gauvin Logan (Guest) and Valerie Stolfi-Collins, Executive Director

## I. RITUAL ITEMS

- **ROLL CALL:** Meeting called to order at 9:38 a.m. by Alex Paluzzi
- **MEMBER COMMENTS:** Tom Cataldi reported that CPA was pleased with the joint Quarterly. The CPA Golf Tournament will be held on 5/31 in Waterbury.
- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Marc Blanchard made a motion to accept the minutes from the April, 2013 Executive Board Meeting. Frank Cooper seconded. All in favor 9-0.
- **APPROVAL OF TREASURERS REPORT:**
  - **Financials:** Reviewed Financials at a Glance, Budget Actuals and Check Detail. Cheryl Hancin made a motion to approve the Treasurers report. Josh Medeiros seconded. All in favor 9-0.
  - **Taxes:** Valerie indicated that the taxes had been signed and filed.
  - **Group Ticket Sales:** Valerie indicated that we need to sell more group tickets to make budget in that line item.
- **EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT:**
  - **Office Organization Update:** Country designations were created in the ACT database for possible future use in listserv, event targeting, etc...). Additionally, a Constant Contact account was created for e-mail marketing to targeted lists as there have been issues with the listserv.
  - **Membership Update:** January, 2013-June, 2013 renewals have been sent. All outstanding renewals from 2012 have been collected.
  - **New Program:** CRPA has partnered with Innovative CEU's to provide CRPA members with webinars at a discount. CRPA members will receive a 20% discount by using a specified link and coupon code. Each participants must get at least an 80% (16 out of 20 on the final exam) to receive a certificate of completion. The CRPA CEU committee is in the process of approving these courses for NRPA CEU credit. The following webinars are offered:
    - Youth Sports Concussion Seminar
    - Coaching Millennial Athlete and Parent
    - Mental Toughness Practice for Young Athletes
    - Mental Toughness Training for Elite Amateur Athletes
    - Heat Injuries
  - **2013 Events:**
    - Spring Quarterly was held on April 23<sup>rd</sup> in Rocky Hill in the Community Center Gym. 117 registrants. Income was \$2,535; Expense was \$1,065.38; Profit to share with CPA was \$1,469.62. CRPA budgeted a loss of \$475 for this event. Instead, actual profit will be approximately \$734.81.
    - CPSI took place in Woodbury May 7-9, 2013. 33 registrants. Of the 33, 6 were forwarded from a canceled course in NY. Projected Income is \$17,760; Projected Expense is \$10,268.23. Projected profit is \$7,491.77.
    - Summer Quarterly will be held on June 6<sup>th</sup> in South Windsor in conjunction with the NEPA Conference. 33 registrants so far. Of the 33, 22 are CRPA members and 15 are

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attending the CRPA sessions. CRPA's breakout session will be DCF Mandated Reporter Training from 10:10-12:10 and Feeding Kids to Promote Positive Energy and Good Health from 1:30-3:30 p.m. NEPA will charge \$20 to attend for the day, \$14 of which will go to CRPA for their attendees.

- Hershey State Meet in June 22, 2013. 17 local meets are scheduled. \$284 in ribbon sales. CRPA needs to sell \$468.90 more in ribbon sales to match last year's sales.
- Camp College: Coventry will be hosting and has 6 members on the planning committee. Program will be held on June 8<sup>th</sup>. 21 educational sessions are secured. Thus far, 3 Towns are registered with a total of 29 participants.
- Lifeguard Olympics will be held on July 27<sup>th</sup> in South Windsor. Event details and registration information are online.
- The Golf Tournament has been set for September 19<sup>th</sup> at Hawks Landing Golf Course in Southington. They matched West Hartford's pricing from last year and are providing free coffee at registration. The committee has met to discuss tournament ideas and prize donations.
- CRPA State Conference: The contract has been signed and small deposit sent. The schedule and logo are set. The vendor and marketing brochure has been distributed (10 vendors thusfar). The website has been updated. Call for speakers is out and the keynote has been chosen (Paul Assaiante, Trinity Squash Coach). The contract has been signed with Landsdown Pub and entertainment has been secured for the social.
- **2013 Consignment Tickets:**
  - Several good any day and group orders have come in. We need to sell more Science Center group orders.
- **2014 Confirmed Calendar of Events:**
  - Entertainment Showcase has been booked at the East Hartford Cultural and Community Center for February 20, 2014 (Raindate of February 27<sup>th</sup>). CPSI has been booked for April 1-3, 2014 in the Rocky Hill Council Chambers.
- **Legislative Update:**
  - Pool Safety: No new language at this time. Preliminary conversations indicate that they are working on new language that applies to school programming and personnel only.
  - IPM: The IPM Task Force Bill has died, however Marshall expects it to be resurrected via amendment.
  - Criminal Background Checks: SB 969 died in the Financial Revenue and Bonding Committee. CRPA submitted testimony to extend the criminal background check fee exemption to municipalities for employees and volunteers working with vulnerable populations. The bill, as written, would only give exemptions to state agencies.
  - Minimum Wage: SB 387 is currently on the Senate calendar and proposes the following: Beginning 1/1/14 there would be a \$.75 increase and a \$.75 increase beginning 1/1/15 with indexing thereafter. The Governor and Speaker initially both have indicated they did not support this initiative but they have flip flopped and are now in support of an increase of \$.75 over the next 2 years. The split could be \$.40 increase on 1/1/14 and \$.35 on 1/1/15.

II. **ACTION ITEMS:** None

III. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- **Legislative Committee:** See Executive Director's report.
- **2013 Conference Committee Report:** See Executive Director's report.

IV. **OLD BUSINESS:** None

V. **NEW BUSINESS:**

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- **Playground Give-A-Way Concept:** John Larue presented the idea of giving away one playground at a price of \$20,000 to a community or organization that has a financial need and space ready for installation. The awarded community or organization would also need to provide their own surfacing. John was contacted by Gary Craig, 96.5's morning host, who was interested in making the financial donation and working with John's company, J.P. LaRue, Inc. and also an agency that could create and oversee an application process. John showed us several potential playground concepts that could fall within this budget. Cheryl Hancin made a motion for CRPA to partner with "We are the Children" to develop and administer a grant application process. Josh Medeiros seconded. Some additional discussion was held. All in favor 9-0.

**VI. RESIGNATIONS & APPOINTMENTS:** None

**VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

- Marc Blanchard made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:48 a.m. Chris Rusack seconded. All in favor 9-0.

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# CRPA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

June 18, 2013



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**IN ATTENDANCE:** Rick Audet, Marc Blanchard, Bob Ceccolini, Bill Engle, Cheryl Hancin, Joshua Medeiros, Elle Noel (9:37), Alex Palluzzi (9:41), Anna Park, Chris Rusack, Kristine Vincent, and Valerie Stolfi-Collins, Executive Director

## I. RITUAL ITEMS

- **ROLL CALL:** Meeting called to order at 9:34 a.m. by Marc Blanchard
- **MEMBER COMMENTS:**
- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Chris Rusack made a motion to accept the minutes from the May, 2013 Executive Board Meeting. Kristine Vincent seconded. All in favor 9-0.
- **APPROVAL OF TREASURERS REPORT:**
  - **Financials:** Reviewed Financials at a Glance, Budget Actuals and Check Detail. Chris Rusack made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Kristine Vincent seconded. All in favor 9-0.
- **EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT:**
  - **Playground Give-a-Way Concept:** CRPA Executive Director contacted an attorney about drafting a simple agreement. Cost would be between \$500-\$950. The ED then contacted Gary Craig and John LaRue to discuss the terms. Gary Craig decided he did not want to have an attorney involved or an agreement in writing and may or may not move forward with the project.
  - **Membership Update:** January, 2013-July, 2013 renewals have been sent. There are still a few outstanding renewals from January-July.
  - **2013 Events:**
    - Summer Quarterly was held on June 6<sup>th</sup> in South Windsor in conjunction with the NEPA Conference. There were 103 registrants. Of the 103, 55 were CRPA members. 36 attended the DCF session and 29 attended the nutrition session. CRPA spent \$270 on the event. Ryan and Valerie will review the profit sharing.
    - Camp College was held on June 8<sup>th</sup> in Coventry. 23 towns participated with 258 attendees (236 last year). CRPA expected profit is \$2,125.33. There is an interest in creating a Camp section modeled after the aquatics section and a student interested in chairing it. Valerie has suggested a professional co-chair with the student.
    - Hershey Statewide meet will be held on June 22<sup>nd</sup> in New Britain at Willow Brook Park. 22 local meets were held. 713 participants qualified for the state meet.
    - Lifeguard Olympics will be held on July 27<sup>th</sup> in South Windsor. Event details and registration are online.
    - Golf Tournament: Event will be held on September 19 at Hawks Landing. CRPA is looking for sponsors and prize donations. 2 foursomes and 1 sponsor have registered so far.
    - Conference: Vendor marketing brochure has been distributed and 13 vendors have registered. The only sponsorship secured thusfar is Tom Irwin for the social.
    - 2013 Fall Quarterly Idea: Looking to hold a DEEP day at the end of September/beginning of October. The day would include two 2 hour sessions one with an overview of free programs that DEEP can help departments implement in their camp and after school programs and the other focusing on Fisheries and Wildlife.
  - **2013 Consignment Tickets:**

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- Several group and good any day orders have come in. We need to sell more Science Center and good any day orders.
- **2014 Confirmed Calendar of Events:**
  - Entertainment Showcase will be held February 20, 2014 at the East Hartford Cultural & Community Center.
  - CPSI will be held April 1-3, 2014 in Rocky Hill Council Chambers.
- **Legislative Update:**
  - Pool Safety: HB 5113 passed the Senate via the consent calendar in concurrence with the House. To establish legislative intent, the House stated that if a school program was held at a non-school pool, the law would still apply.
  - IPM: There are several IPM bills.
  - Criminal Background Checks: SB 969 died in the Finance Revenue and Bonding Committee.
  - Minimum Wage: SB 387 passed stating that beginning 1/1/14 there would be a \$.40 increase and a \$.35 increase beginning 1/1/15.

**II. ACTION ITEMS:** None

**III. COMMITTEE REPORTS:** See Executive Director's report.

**IV. OLD BUSINESS:** None

**V. NEW BUSINESS:**

- **CPA:** Tom Cataldi reported that CPA will extend an invite to CRPA for their mid-August meeting. There is an interest in doing sessions for the November Conference and in partnering again for a quarterly.

**VI. RESIGNATIONS & APPOINTMENTS:** None

**VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

- Marc Blanchard made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:01 a.m. Bill Engle seconded. All in favor 10-0.

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# CRPA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

September 17, 2013



CONNECTICUT RECREATION  
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**IN ATTENDANCE:** Marc Blanchard, Frank Cooper, Bill Engle, Cheryl Hancin, Joshua Medeiros (9:46 a.m.), Alex Palluzzi, Anna Park, Chris Rusack, Kristine Vincent and Valerie Stolfi-Collins, Executive Director

## I. RITUAL ITEMS

- **ROLL CALL:** Meeting called to order at 9:44 a.m. by Alex Paluzzi
- **MEMBER COMMENTS:**
- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Marc Blanchard made a motion to accept the minutes from the June, 2013 Executive Board Meeting. Bill Engle seconded. All in favor 9-0.
- **APPROVAL OF TREASURERS REPORT:**
  - **Financials:** Reviewed Financials at a Glance, Budget Actuals and Check Detail. Valerie discussed that group tickets were down. Suggestions for additional locations for group discount tickets were suggested. Frank Cooper made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Cheryl Hancin seconded. All in favor 9-0.
- **EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT:**
  - **Executive Director Meetings:** Valerie met Empower at Mohegan to review a conference sponsorship idea. She also attended the CCM National League of Cities Conference in Chicago, the CPA Board Meeting in August, met with the Science Center newly hired marketing specialist and will be attended the NRPA Conference in Houston TX October 7-11.
  - **Membership Update:** January, 2013-September, 2013 renewals have been sent. Renewals from January-June have all been collected. CRPA has secured 3 new Towns as members for 2013 (Hartford, Griswold and Bridgewater). Every Town in Hartford County is now a CRPA member.
  - **Call for Nominations:** A call for nominations for the 2014 Board was sent via e-mail. Nominations are due September 30, 2013.
  - **2013 Events:**
    - Hershey Statewide meet was held on June 22<sup>nd</sup> in New Britain at Willow Brook Park. 22 local meets were held. 713 participants qualified for the state meet. CT had 12 participants qualify for the North American Finals in Hershey PA – 9 participated. We had three 3<sup>rd</sup>, one 4<sup>th</sup>, two 5<sup>th</sup>, one 6<sup>th</sup>, one 8<sup>th</sup> and one 9<sup>th</sup> place finishers. The CRPA office coordinated coordination of the national team this year and recommended changes for next year.
    - Lifeguard Olympics was held on July 27<sup>th</sup> in South Windsor. 7 teams from 4 Towns participated. East Hartford won.
    - Golf Tournament: Event will be held on September 19 at Hawks Landing. 59 golfers registered thus far. \$1,500 in sponsorships have been secured.
    - Conference: All sessions have been approved for CEU's except the vendor hall session which is being worked on. 60 booths have been sold (including 16 new booths). \$13,675 has been secured in sponsorships. \$2,490 in ad sales has been sold. 151 delegates registered thus far. The goal is to focus on exhibit hall floor traffic.
    - 2013 Fall Quarterly will be held on October 22, 2013 at the Kellogg Environmental Center in Derby, CT. The date was changed due to the CCM Conference. Still waiting on DEEP for a description of the 2<sup>nd</sup> session. Save the date has been sent to all members.
  - **2013 Consignment Tickets:**

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- Ticket sales are down this year. Total estimated profit for consignment tickets in 2013 is \$14,731.25 (estimated to be \$1,444 less than last year's profits).

- **2014 Confirmed Calendar of Events:**

- Entertainment Showcase will be held February 20, 2014 at the East Hartford Cultural & Community Center.
- CPSI will be held April 1-3, 2014 in Rocky Hill Council Chambers.
- Camp College will be held June 7, 2014 – Location TBD
- Quarterly Committee has met to plan events for the year. Now need to secure speakers for suggested topics.

- **Legislative Update:**

- CPA has requested that they would like to forward information obtained from CRPA Lobbyist to the CPA Member List Serve. The group indicated this was acceptable as long as information was forwarded with CRPA contact information remaining in the e-mail.
- Potential New Legislative Agenda Item: reduction or elimination of bus permit fees at state parks.

**II. ACTION ITEMS:** None

**III. COMMITTEE REPORTS:** See Executive Director's report.

**IV. OLD BUSINESS:** None

**V. NEW BUSINESS:**

**VI. RESIGNATIONS & APPOINTMENTS:**

- Discussed meeting attendance and CRPA policy on meeting attendance.

**VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

- Kristine Vincent made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 a.m. Josh Medeiros seconded. All in favor 9-0.

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# CRPA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

October 15, 2013



CONNECTICUT RECREATION  
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**IN ATTENDANCE:** Marc Blanchard, Bob Ceccolini, Frank Cooper, Bill Engle, Joshua Medeiros, Elle Noel, Alex Palluzzi, Anna Park, Chris Rusack, Kristine Vincent and Valerie Stolfi-Collins, Executive Director

## I. RITUAL ITEMS

- **ROLL CALL:** Meeting called to order at 9:37 a.m. by Alex Paluzzi
- **MEMBER COMMENTS:**
- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Chris Rusack made a motion to accept the minutes from the September, 2013 Executive Board Meeting. Bill Engle seconded. All in favor 10-0.
- **APPROVAL OF TREASURERS REPORT:**
  - **Financials:** Reviewed Financials at a Glance, Budget Actuals and Check Detail. Valerie discussed that group tickets were down. The Webster Checking account amount is high because checks for consignment tickets have not yet cleared. March Blanchard made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Kristine Vincent seconded. All in favor 10-0.
- **EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT:**
  - **NRPA Conference:** Valerie attended the NRPA Conference in Houston TX October 7-11. She met with other State Executive Directors and with other CT members attending the conference. There is an interest from other States in the Northeast region to meet as they did in the past. Meetings will tentatively be planned during events/conferences being hosted by States in the Northeast region.
  - **Membership Update:** January, 2013-November, 2013 renewals have been sent. Renewals from January-June have all been collected. CRPA has secured 3 new Towns as members for 2013 (Hartford, Griswold and Bridgewater). Every Town in Hartford County is now a CRPA member.
  - **Call for Nominations:** 4 candidates are running for 2 Director at Large positions. Sharon Bousquet (New London), Carrie Gazda (Madison), Ben Morse (Groton), Kristine Vincent (East Hartford).
  - **2013 Events:**
    - **Golf Tournament:** Event was held on September 19 at Hawks Landing. 57 golfers registered. The overall profit for the event was \$2,833.10. This group is looking for another member or two for the committee.
    - **Conference:** 66 booths have been sold (including 19 new booths). \$13,675 has been secured in sponsorships. \$2,815 in ad sales has been sold. 175 delegates registered thus far. Vendor packets have gone out detailing new schedules and new initiatives and sponsors have been asked to pick their booth locations.
    - **Award Nominations:** 35 nominations were received and winners have been chosen.
    - **2013 Fall Quarterly** will be held on October 22, 2013 at the Kellogg Environmental Center in Derby, CT. 29 people have registered so far.
  - **2013 Consignment Tickets:**
    - Ticket sales are down this year. Total estimated profit for consignment tickets in 2013 is \$14,731.25 (estimated to be \$1,444 less than last year's profits).
  - **2014 Confirmed Calendar of Events:**
    - Entertainment Showcase will be held February 20, 2014 at the East Hartford Cultural & Community Center.

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- CPSI will be held April 1-3, 2014 in Rocky Hill Council Chambers.
- Camp College will be held June 7, 2014 – Location TBD
- Summer Quarterly will be held June 5, 2014 at the Branford Owenego Beach and Tennis Club
- Hershey is looking for a new location for June 21, 2014 because the fields in New Britain will be undergoing renovations.
- **Legislative Update:**
  - The committee met via conference call on October 3<sup>rd</sup> to review the 2013 Legislative Agenda and make changes for the 2014 session which begins February 5<sup>th</sup>.
- **Camp Committee:**
  - The camp committee will be meeting monthly on their off season and sent a survey to the membership regarding interest in adding a new event for camp staff similar to Lifeguard Olympics.

## II. ACTION ITEMS:

- **Bylaw Revisions:** Chris Rusack made a motion to change the current Bylaws (Article V-Officers, Section 2: Qualifications, A.) to read “Nominees to the offices of President and President-Elect shall be a Member of the Association in good standing with at least five (5) years of experience as full-time professionals, one (1) full term of service on the Board. Bob Ceccolini seconded. Some discussion was held. Chris Rusack made a friendly amendment to his original motion to change the current Bylaws (Article V-Officers, Section 2: Qualifications, A.) to read “Nominees to the offices of President and President-Elect shall be a Member of the Association in good standing with at least five (5) years of experience as full-time professionals, two (2) years of service on the Board. Josh Medeiros seconded. All in favor 10-0.

## III. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- See Executive Director’s report.
- **Aquatics Committee:** The aquatics committee is looking to plan a training for Aquatic Managers.

## IV. OLD BUSINESS: None

## V. NEW BUSINESS:

## VI. RESIGNATIONS & APPOINTMENTS:

## VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

## VIII. ADJOURNMENT

- Kristine Vincent made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:59 a.m. Josh Medeiros seconded. All in favor 10-0.

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# CRPA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

December 17, 2013



CONNECTICUT RECREATION  
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**IN ATTENDANCE:** Marc Blanchard, Bob Ceccolini, Joshua Medeiros, Elle Noel (9:45 a.m.), Alex Palluzzi, Anna Park, Chris Rusack, Tom Cataldi, Ben Morse and Valerie Stolfi-Collins, Executive Director

## I. RITUAL ITEMS

- **ROLL CALL:** Meeting called to order at 9:41 a.m. by Alex Palluzzi
- **MEMBER COMMENTS:**
- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Marc Blanchard made a motion to accept the minutes from the October, 2013 Executive Board Meeting. Bob Ceccolini seconded. All in favor 7-0.
- **APPROVAL OF TREASURERS REPORT:**
  - **Financials:** Reviewed Financials at a Glance, Budget Actuals and Check Detail. Valerie indicated the projected net income will be approximately \$36,550. The projected total expenses will be approximately \$377,000 once all bills have been paid. Marc Blanchard made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Joshua Medeiros seconded. All in favor 7-0.
- **EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT:**
  - **Membership Update:** January, 2013-December, 2013 renewals have been sent. Renewals from January-August have all been collected.
  - **Nominations:** 4 candidates ran for 2 Director at Large positions. Candidates elected were Ben Morse (Groton), Kristine Vincent (East Hartford).
  - **2013 Events:**
    - 2013 Fall Quarterly was held on October 22, 2013 at the Kellogg Environmental Center in Derby, CT. 37 people registered. Net Loss was \$217.30.
    - Conference: 78 booths were sold (5 more than last year). 149 passes were issued to vendors. \$16,180 was sold in sponsorships (exceeded last year by \$1,524). \$3,015 in ad sales were sold (exceeded last year by \$165). 230 delegates registered (exceeded last year by 25). Of the 230 attendees, 38 were students (23 paid \$50 and the remainder was volunteers). Additionally, 61 people purchased Awards only tickets and 5 purchased Social only tickets for a total of 296 attendees. Estimated conference profit was \$56,268.89 (additional expense for Committee Luncheon still to be added).
      - Award Nominations: 35 were received (last year was 27).
  - **2013 Consignment Tickets:**
    - Total estimated profit for consignment tickets in 2013 is \$14,537.75 (estimated to be \$1,637.50 less than last year's profits).
  - **2014 Confirmed Calendar of Events:**
    - CRPA Leadership Meeting: January 28<sup>th</sup> in Rocky Hill Council Chambers from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
    - Winter Quarterly: February 4, 2014 at the New England Air Museum in Windsor Locks (27 registered thus far)
    - Entertainment Showcase will be held February 20, 2014 at the East Hartford Cultural & Community Center. Small and Large stage have been sold out. 4 Table top exhibits have been sold. \$1,415 in ad sales.
    - CPSI will be held April 1-3, 2014 in Rocky Hill Council Chambers.
    - Spring Quarterly will be held April 9, 2014 – Location TBD
    - Camp College will be held June 7, 2014 – Location TBD

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- Summer Quarterly will be held June 5, 2014 at the Branford Owenego Beach and Tennis Club
- Hershey is looking for a new location for June 21, 2014 because the fields in New Britain will be undergoing renovations.
- **Bylaw Changes:**
  - Notification was sent to the CRPA Membership on October 18, 2013 via e-mail to change the qualifications to run for Office of the President and President Elect from four (4) years of prior service on the board to two (2) years of prior service on the board. Voting took place at the Annual Meeting on November 24, 2013 and the motion passed with no opposition.
- **Legislative Update:**
  - The committee met via conference call on October 3<sup>rd</sup> to review the 2013 Legislative Agenda and make changes for the 2014 session which begins February 5<sup>th</sup>.
- **Camp Committee:**
  - The camp committee met several times from October-December.

## II. ACTION ITEMS:

- **2014 Legislative Agenda:** The legislative committee met and developed the proposed 2014 Legislative Goals. Bob Ceccolini made a motion to approve the Legislative Agenda as proposed by the Legislative Committee. Josh Medeiros seconded. All in favor 7-0. The goals remain the same as 2013 with the following changes:
  - Added Bullet Point #1 “CRPA supports initiatives that **increase** low cost **access to state park** facilities”.
  - Added Bullet Point #2 “CRPA Members provide a significant number of opportunities for full time and seasonal employees, as well as those with disabilities. CRPA supports legislative initiatives that **maintain** or **increase** their **ability to provide employment**.”
  - Added to Bullet Point #9 “...and **enhance childhood development** through play”.
  - Deleted Pool Safety Bullet Point
- **2014 Budget Approval:** Bob Ceccolini made a motion to accept the 2014 Budget as presented. Marc Blanchard seconded. Some discussion was held. The overall budget represents a \$475 increase in revenue from 2013 and a \$122 decrease in expenses from 2013. All in favor 7-0.
- **2013 Infrastructure Upgrades:** Josh Medeiros made a motion to approve the Finance Committee request that CRPA expend \$5,000 in FY2013 on computer and software upgrades for the CRPA office with expenses being posted to the Computer and Technical Line item of the 2013 budget. Chris Rusack seconded. Some discussion was held. All in favor 7-0.

## III. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Conference Committee Report:** See Executive Director’s report.
- **Camp Committee Report:** See Executive Director’s report.

## IV. OLD BUSINESS:

- CPA: CRPA expressed thanks to Tom Cataldi and CPA for their contributions and commitment to CRPA. Tom expressed thanks from CPA as well.
- Board Service: Alex Palluzzi thanked Elle Noel for her service and dedication on behalf of CRPA.

## V. NEW BUSINESS:

## VI. RESIGNATIONS & APPOINTMENTS:

## VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- Chris Rusack made a motion to go into Executive Session at 10:53 a.m. Josh Medeiros seconded. All in favor 7-0. Bob Ceccolini made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 11:18 a.m. Chris Rusack seconded. All in favor 7-0.

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- Bob Ceccolini made a motion to add six (6) additional paid holidays for a total of twelve (12) paid holidays to the Administrative Support position. Chris Rusack seconded. All in favor 7-0.
- Bob Ceccolini made a motion to add a \$1,200 “Health Insurance Opt Out” stipend for the Executive Director position to be paid in 2 installments (January and July) if the Executive Director opts out of the Health Insurance. Chris Rusack seconded. All in favor 7-0.

#### **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

- Elle Noel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:19 a.m. Josh Medeiros seconded. All in favor 7-0.