



Serve Illinois Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service
Recognition Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 14, 2022
4:00pm to 5:00pm

Present:

Tiffany Mathis	Jacob Jenkins
John Gremer	Gussie Reed
Ajay Cherukuvada	Curtis Peace

Absent:

Jim Dixon	Ann Schuman
Carolyn Roberts	Amy Rueff

Call to Order

Tiffany Mathis called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm. A quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes

May 10, 2022, Committee minutes that were previously distributed and currently on screen; It was motioned by John Gremer to accept the May 10,2022 meeting minutes as presented, 2nd by Gussie Reed, all voted in favor, motion carried unanimously

Serve Illinois Update – Jacob Jenkins

We are happy to report 12 positions have been posted, many have come down, reviewing applications, and preparing to hire. Hiring from this group of applicants will increase staff from 2 full time to 14 full time staff by the end of July or August. An additional 4 or 5 positions to be posted to bring the organization to 19 staffers that will be split between Chicago and downstate.

Karen Pendergrass, AmeriCorps Program **Director/Coordinator** has shared her planned retirement information.

Governor's Volunteer Service Awards (Thursday or Friday September 15 or 16, 2022)

Still looking for a chair for the volunteer Service Award -

- **John Gremer has accepted the opportunity to serve as Volunteer Service Awards Chair in the interim**

Messaging and External Marketing (Public Relations) – is currently being worked on for the Governor's Hometown Award. They are currently working on:

- **Scope of Work**
- **Timeline**
- **Approval process for messaging**

We are currently running a little behind the clock (approx. 1 week); The current process includes requesting the applicants to put together a video presentation for their submission. The committee will judge and score the video. They will expound upon the questions that were initially asked in the letter of intent (a 2 pager) in their video.

The question was asked - do the committee want to see the written process prior to sending it out? The committee does not want to slow up the process and felt that it was not necessary for a preview. Encouraged Jacob and the Public Relations team to move forward

There were 5 letters of intent that will not be moving forward for various reasons.

Public Comments – No Public Comments

Adjournment: Motion by Gussie, 2nd by John to adjourn the meeting at 4:20 pm

Minutes submitted by: Gussie M. Reed

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Governor's Hometown Awards 2022 – Event Chair - Amy Rueff

Jacob shared the following timeline:

- **May 1, 2022, letter of intent due**
- **May 1st – 25th, evaluation and judging of letters of intent**
- **June 3rd Notice of Decisions/application packet mailed to semi-finalist**
- **June 30th GHTA applications due**
- **July 7th – July 22nd, GHTA Semifinals judging**
- **July 30, 2022 (PR Event at Governor's Mansion) announcing finalist and special invite to compete for Governor's Cup**
- **August 18, 2022, Governor's Hometown Awards Cup Finale at the Illinois State Fair**