**Recognition Committee Meeting**

Wednesday, October 12, 2022

4:00pm to 5:00pm

Locations

Virtual Meeting Via WebEx

Virtual Meeting Credentials:

*Meeting credentials made available to meeting invitation or request the meeting link at dhs.serveillinois@illinois.gov*

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order at 4:05–Amy Reuff, Chair
2. Roll Call – Present:
   1. Amy Reuff, Jacob Jenkins, Cecilia Maciel, John Gremer, Carolyn Roberts, Gussie Reed,
3. Approval of Minutes – will review and approve meeting minutes from the meeting and the previous meeting at our next meeting. Minutes will be distributed prior to the next Recognition Committee meeting, that date has not yet been set.
4. Serve Illinois Update- Jacob Jenkins shared that the State of IL continues to make progress in filling vacant positions. Cecilia Maciel joined the team on September 16, 2022, as a Volunteer Program Coordinator, she will primarily support the upstate region. Cecilia said she is looking forward to working with a great team and coordinating recognition events. She will take the lead in the Governor Volunteer Service Awards. This award celebration date has moved from October 27, 2022, to possibly May 5, 2023. This change was due to issues with the procurement process, venue location, etc. It has been suggested to hold the May 5th event at the Governors’ Mansion.

Carolyn advised the committee that there might be some schedule conflicts in late April, early May due to AmeriCorps events are usually held during that time frame. Jacob said that this issue will be kept in mind when solidifying the date, there is also the possibility of video recording the Governor’s Volunteer Service Award event.

The question was asked “where are we with scheduling the regional events?” This subject will be discussed again at a future meeting.

* 1. Committee Co-Chair Position Previous Chairperson resigned, therefore Amy has assumed the role and duties of the Chairperson
  2. Governor’s Awards Updates
     1. Governor’s Hometown Award – signs are being delivered to the 4 areas selected at the State Fair event. Each location will receive 1 large street sign. South Beloit, DuPage County Forrest Preserve, Tiny Home Lincoln, IL and O’Fallon Police Department – Special Olympics Relay
     2. A special thank you to the Serve IL Commission Board President and Board Vice President along with other volunteer commissioners who served as judges. Moving forward, this event will continue to be held at the Illinois State Fair.
     3. Governor’s Volunteer Service Award – recipients have been notified of the date and location change.

1. Certificates of Appreciation – Jacob shared that he and Cecilia both have in their possessions over 2000 certificates that are available upon request. These certificates are endorsed by the Governor and other dignitaries; they are a great tool for volunteer recognition and branding for Serve Illinois. Jacob and Cecilia plans to pilot a recognition event in Chicago; this will include recognition of:
   1. Chicago State Women’s Basketball Team
   2. Aurora University Men’s Soccer Team

John Gremer stated that he lives in the Aurora area and would assist as needed. Curtis Peace informed that he would accompany Chicago State recognition event when scheduled. Jacob indicated that they have not yet identified a commissioner to present the certificates.

1. Adjournment – 4:30 pm
   1. Motioned by John Gremer; 2nd by Carolyn Roberts, all voted in favor, motion carried