



**2020 Business Meeting
And
National RPO Council of Peers Meeting**

**Tuesday, July 28
11:00 a.m. ET**

- I. Call to Order**
Rick Green, RPO America Chair and
Government Services Director, Lower Savannah Council of Governments
- II. Welcome**
Kevin Byrd, NADO President and
Executive Director, New River Valley Regional Commission
- III. Minutes from the 2019 Business Meeting and RPO Council Meeting**
Gena McCullough, RPO America Secretary and
Planning Director, Bi-state Regional Commission
- IV. Policy Update**
Mirielle Burgoyne, Director of Government Relations and
Legislative Affairs, NADO
- V. NADO Update**
Joe McKinney, Executive Director, NADO
- VI. Research Program Update**
Carrie Kissel, Associate Director, NADO
- VII. Other Business**

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2019 Annual Business Meeting and National RPO Council of Peers Meeting June 17, 2019 • Columbus, Ohio Meeting Notes

I. Call to Order

Tom Reinauer, Chair of RPO America and Transportation Director, Southern Maine Planning and Development Commission, called the meeting to order and welcomed participants.

II. Minutes from the 2017 Annual Business Meeting and RPO Council Meeting

Mr. Reinauer presented the minutes from the June 28, 2017 RPO America Annual Business Meeting and RPO Council meeting that occurred in conjunction with the 2017 National Rural Transportation Conference in Denver, Colorado. Annette Fiedler, Southwest Regional Development Commission, made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Vicki Eggers, Northern Oklahoma Development Authority.

III. Nominating Committee Report

Amy Kessler, North Central Pennsylvania Regional Planning and Development Commission, presented the nominating committee report. Ms. Kessler acknowledged the additional nominating committee members, including Peter Gregory, Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Commission (VT); Sheldon Johnson, Northwest Regional Planning Commission (WI); J.B. Mack, Southwest Region Planning Commission (NH); and Pat Steed, Central Florida Regional Planning Council.

Ms. Kessler reported that the nominating committee met by phone on May 30, 2019 to nominate the following slate of candidates: Chair: Rick Green, Upper Savannah Council of Governments (SC); Vice Chair: Robert Hiatt, Upper Coastal Plain Council of Governments (NC); Secretary: Gena McCullough, Bi-State Regional Commission (IL/IA).

In addition, as Executive Director of NADO, Joe McKinney will also serve as Treasurer of RPO America. Treasurer is a non-elected office according to the RPO America bylaws.

IV. Election of Officers

Mr. Reinauer opened the floor for discussion. There being none, Randall Embry, Kentuckiana Planning and Development Agency, moved to approve the slate of candidates as proposed. The motion was seconded by Scott Koons, NADO President and Executive Director, North Central Florida Regional Planning Council. The slate of candidates was unanimously approved.

V. List of 2019 – 2021 Members of the National RPO Council of Peers

Mr. Green presented the list of 2016 National RPO Council of Peers. The council members had been nominated by members of the NADO Board of Directors and appointed by the President of NADO to serve a two-year term, with no term limits. Mr. Reinauer welcomed the new RPO Council members to the group.

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VI. Recognition of 2016 – 2019 National RPO Council of Peers Members

Mr. Green thanked several outgoing members of the RPO Council, and also recognized the years of service provided by Mr. Reinauer, who will remain as a member on the RPO Council after several years as an officer.

VII. NADO Strategic Plan Update

Joe McKinney, NADO Executive Director, provided an update on the strategic planning process begun by the NADO Board of Directors in 2018, with a draft strategic plan completed in spring 2019 and expected adoption in summer or fall of 2019. The strategic plan will guide the activities of NADO and the NADO Research Foundation, including RPO America as a program affiliate of NADO.

VIII. Legislative Update

Mirielle Burgoyne, NADO Director of Government Relations and Legislative Affairs, provided an update of significant federal policy issues, including a discussion of federal surface transportation policy change ideas; outcomes from the NADO Executive Committee fly-in with federal agencies, Congressional Hill staff, and external partners; annual appropriations processes; NADO advocacy highlights; and other policy issues related to regional planning and development programs.

IX. Other Business

There being no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,

Carrie Kissel, NADO Associate Director,
For Gena McCullough, RPO America Secretary
and Planning Director, Bi-State Regional Commission