



Arizona
Governor's
Commission
on **Service** and
Volunteerism



Arizona Governor's Commission on Service and Volunteerism
Wednesday, August 12, 2020 at 1:30 PM
Virtual Meeting: Call 617-675-4444 and enter passcode: 460 016 373 6818#
Arizona State Capitol, Phoenix, Arizona

A general meeting of the Governor's Commission on Service and Volunteerism (GCSV) was convened on August 12, 2020, in a virtual meeting space, Arizona State Capitol, 1700 W. Washington, Phoenix Arizona 85007, notice having been duly given. Present and absent were the following members of the GCSV:

Members Present (9)	
Donna Martin	Donna Davis
Donna McBride	Tyler Butler
Helain Day	Michael Hammett
Zanquetta Gray	Tori Carlson
Robert Ashcraft	
Members Absent (5)	
Jessica Brosilo	Alex Gabaldon
Lilian James	Thomas Winkel
Kim Rice	

1. CALL TO ORDER

Commission Chair Donna Davis called the meeting to order at 1:37 PM. Quorum present.

2. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS

Commission Chair Donna Davis welcomed attendees and asked the Commissioners, guests and staff to introduce themselves.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (ACTION)

Meeting minutes from May 20, 2020 were reviewed. Commissioner Tori Carlson reported that her name was not included under the 'members absent' column. Commissioner Donna Martin moved to approve the minutes with the addition of the missing name. Commissioner Donna McBride seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

4. Updates

AmeriCorps Director Emily Litchfield reported on the AmeriCorps State & National programs. The May Commission meeting included the approval of submission of the State Formula application package to CNCS. Notice of Grant Award has been received for that submission and contracting is in process. Existing subgrantees have been able to shift program focus to support COVID relief and recovery efforts including contact tracing and supporting local food banks and other nonprofit organizations providing essential services who are experiencing volunteer shortages.

Next week, staff will begin the annual program orientation training in preparation for the start of the FY2020 AmeriCorps funding year. Training will emphasize virtual program management and member support. Additionally, staff will be increasing training efforts in support of the new AmeriCorps Planning grantees.

Six new VISTA members will be joining the GOYFF VISTA project during the month of August. These members will be serving with external partners whose focus aligns with the issue areas of the office.

AmeriCorps Director Emily Litchfield provided the Service Enterprise Initiative (SEI) update. To date approximately 90 organizations have participated in the training curriculum with roughly 40 of those organizations going on to achieve certification. The Volunteer Generation Fund, which supports SEI implementation, will end September 30, 2020. Six commissioners will convene a workgroup prior to the next meeting to brainstorm a list of options for presentation to the full commission to consider for 'next steps' for this initiative.

Corporation for National and Community Service was provided by ex-officio Commissioner Zanquetta Gray. The Mountain Region Office, of which Arizona is a part, will celebrate its one-year anniversary in September 2020. Goals for the upcoming year include increased collaboration and developing closer relationships with grantees and sponsors. CNCS has prioritized commission, sponsor and grantee support during the COVID pandemic by implementing a number of programmatic and fiscal reliefs. Examples include increased flexibility to adjust member activities to address community priorities, increased flexibility with teleservice opportunities for members and waiving match requirements to name a few.

5. Business

Two vacancies have been elevated to the Office of Boards & Commissions for the Commission on Service & Volunteerism. Candidates have been identified as appropriate to fill those vacancies. One person would represent rural communities and the other would be able to represent the business community.

The annual volunteer service awards will take place late Fall. This year will be either a more intimate gathering or may be a virtual event. Nomination forms will be released soon.

The annual summit will be held in Spring 2021. It will be virtual and it will be free to all attendees. There will be tracks for beginning and intermediate learners as well as a track for National Service members.

7. NEXT COMMISSION MEETING

The Commission will meet again on Wednesday, September 23, 2020. The primary purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the recommendations from the Service Enterprise workgroup meeting and to discuss promoting upcoming National Service application opportunities.

Future Agenda items

- Recognition of certified Service Enterprises
- Program Outreach
- Update on Service Enterprise Sustainability Planning

9. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made for adjournment by Commissioner Robert Ashcraft. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tori Carlson. The meeting was adjourned at 2:54 PM.

Dated the 12th day of August, 2020
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Respectfully Submitted By:
Emily Litchfield
AmeriCorps Director