



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



**Arizona Governor's Commission on Service and Volunteerism**  
**Wednesday, December 16, 2020 at 1:30 PM**  
**Remote Meeting**

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**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 (8)	
Donna Martin	Donna Davis
Kimberly Rice	Michael Hammett
Donna McBride	Robert Ashcraft
Zanquetta Gray	Helain Day
Members Absent (4)	
Tori Carlson	Thomas Winkel
Alex Gabaldon	Lilian James
Staff & Guests (3)	
Emil Litchfield	Kim Brooks
Randy George	

**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**

A motion was made for approval of the September minutes by **Commissioner Robert Ashcraft**. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Michael Hammett**. The minutes were approved unanimously.

**4. Updates**

- **AmeriCorps Director Emily Litchfield** provided an AmeriCorps Program Update. AmeriCorps Programs have just completed the first quarter of the program year. AmeriCorps, the federal agency, has maintained the flexibility introduced in March 2020 through the Coronavirus FAQs. Additionally at the beginning of the program year, staff introduced a new process for TTA that seems to be reducing the daily emails/phone call requests for TTA from programs.
- **Commissioner Robert Ashcraft** provided an update on the Service Enterprise Initiative (SEI) sustainability planning work. ASU Lodestar Center received a planning grant and was able to hire a consultant to research and propose a sustainable program model during the first quarter of 2021. They will present on the information more in-depth at the March Commission meeting.
- **Zanquetta Gray**, Senior Portfolio Manager at the AmeriCorps Mountain Region Office provided an update from the AmeriCorps federal agency. AmeriCorps CEO Barbara Stewart announced yesterday a match waiver for all funded programs for FY2021-2022. Also, a new initiative was announced yesterday via Facebook Live titled [Schools for National Service](#), designed to recognize the value of AmeriCorps members to educational institutions. There is a newly created award called the [Harris Wofford Joint Service Award](#). This award is given to individuals who have served in both AmeriCorps and Peace Corps. A [new PSA](#) was picked up by ComCast and will be aired across the country in areas served by ComCast.

## 5. Business

- **Randy George**, AmeriCorps Training Administrator shared information regarding the current status of the AmeriCorps National Competitive application process. A total of 15 applications were submitted; 4 continuation applications and 11 new program applications. Four of those applicant organizations have never had AmeriCorps funding before which quadruples the number of new applicants from last year. The total application request is for approximately \$3.8 million in new funding and approximately \$1.2 million in continuation funding.
- **Emily Litchfield**, AmeriCorps Director gave an overview of the proposed program design and focus area of each new applicant. She also shared that the State Formula RFGA will be launching in the Spring and encouraged Commissioners to share the opportunity with their networks once it is announced. Lastly, Emily shared that the annual Volunteerism Summit will be a virtual learning opportunity. As opposed to a traditional summit, it will be more akin to a series of webinars. Details will be forthcoming.

## 7. Next Commission Meeting:

The Commission will meet again on Wednesday, January 20, 2021. The primary purpose of the meeting will be to revise the state strategic plan to align with priorities for service & volunteerism during the pandemic.

### Future Agenda items

- Continuing SEI Conversation
- Updates on Summit & Volunteer Service Awards: add recognition for innovative practices during the pandemic.
- Now & Next of Volunteerism in Arizona

- Pandemic Innovation in the Volunteerism Sector (trends)
- Review the strategic plan

## 9. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made for adjournment by **Commissioner Robert Ashcraft**. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Donna McBride**. The meeting was adjourned at 2:49 PM.

Dated the 16th day of December, 2020  
Governor's Commission on Service and Volunteerism  
Respectfully Submitted By:  
Emily Litchfield  
AmeriCorps Director