



## Mississippi River Parkway Commission

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# Mississippi River Parkway Commission ERA Committee Semi-annual Meeting April 3, 2019

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## NOTES

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Members Present: Nani Bhowmik, Illinois; Michelle Burrell, Mississippi; Anna Grizzle, Arkansas; Jay Schweitzer, Iowa; Angela VanCleve, Kentucky; Jane Regan, Iowa; and Susanne Thiede-Barnet, National Office.

Minutes were prepared by Jay Schweitzer and Nani Bhowmik.

As you can see, a total of five (5) states were represented at this meeting of the ERA. The following is a summary of the Meeting:

- The Minutes of the last meeting held in West Memphis were approved.
- Angela VanCleve is a substitute Member for Kentucky on the ERA Committee.
- Appreciated the work done by Angie Yu on Asian Carp and there may be an International Carp day soon.
- There were quite a bit of discussion on MRT. Susanne indicated that this group is essentially gone
- We also discussed very briefly about the Relay of Voices and this is still happening. We also discussed that running, bicycling etc on the Great River Road is very dangerous and we should not promote it.
- The CMP was handed over to all the attendees.
- The ERA agreed to concentrate on several items under the Intrinsic Resources of CMP until we meet in Lacrosse, WI. These are:
  - 4(A) (a)-- We will attempt to summarize from our State information related to scenic, recreational, natural, historical, archeological and cultural resources;
  - 4(A)(c)--- We will also attempt to obtain information on wayshowing from our states.
- We are requesting all the State Chairs to consider seriously nominating someone or some entity for the 2019 Stewardship Award(s). The nomination Form and required information for this Award is available at the National MRPC Web page. The sooner a nomination is received by the National Office, it will be easier to process the nomination and obtain the necessary approval from the Board.



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- We are requesting all States to update information related to Agri-tourism within their respective states.
- We also talked about some potential proposal on changing the navigation channel depths within the Upper Mississippi River. If and when such a solid proposal is made, the ERA Committee and other Committees within the MRPC should be ready to provide their inputs on the overall aspects of the Upper Mississippi River.