



## AFFILIATE GROUP NETWORK ANNUAL MEETING (AGNAM)

Peace Corps Connect  
University of Texas, Etter-Harbin Alumni Center  
Austin, Texas  
June 21, 2019

### **1. Call to Order** – *Mariko Schmitz, Affiliate Group Network Coordinator (AGN-C)*

**Welcome and introduction:** The Meeting was called to order at 3:10 PM CT by Mariko Schmitz. She reviewed the priority objectives for the Affiliate Group Network (AGN):

- To connect affiliate groups and to share best practices
- To provide group leadership with direct insight into NPCA capacity-building initiatives, projects and opportunities
- To keep groups connected throughout the year

### **2. Affiliate Group Network Introductions** – *Various*

Participants introduced themselves by name and Affiliate Group(s) representation. NPCA Staff and Board Directors were also introduced.

### **3. Member Group Voting Delegates** – *Anne Baker, NPCA Vice President*

The AGN-C directed official voting delegates to sign in for their groups. To establish the eligible voters list, Anne Baker announced that 44 affiliate groups (out of a total of 184) were officially represented with a voting delegate.

#### **Establish Eligible Voters List: 44 eligible voters**

1. Barbara Kaare-Lopez (Amigos de Honduras)
2. Rebecca Madden-Sturges (Boston Area Returned Peace Corps Volunteers)
3. Terry Dougherty (Friends of Afghanistan)
4. Terry Adcock (Friends of Colombia)
5. Jay Sztuk (Friends of Fiji)
6. Laur Ebone (Friends of Guinea)
7. Carolyn Kari (Friends of Kenya)
8. Pat Reilly (Friends of Liberia)
9. Jonathan Pearson (Friends of Micronesia)

10. Tim Resch (Friends of Morocco)
11. Greg Jones (Friends of Nigeria)
12. Carol Cespedes (Friends of Pakistan USA)
13. Juliana Essen (Friends of Thailand)
14. Shawn Reagan (Gulf Coast Council of Returned Peace Corps Volunteers)
15. Juliana Essen (Impact Corps)
16. Katy Hansen (Iowa Peace Corps Association)
17. Jessica Szalawiga (Kansas City Area Peace Corps Association)
18. Manuel Colon (LGBT RPCVs)
19. Ken Flies (Minnesota Returned Peace Corps Volunteers)
20. Greg Polk (New Mexico Peace Corps Association)
21. Sarah Porter (New York City Peace Corps Association)
22. Katherine Porter (North Carolina Peace Corps Association)
23. Ed Hromatka (North Texas Peace Corps Association)
24. Lila Holzman (Northern California Peace Corps Association)
25. Jean Parcher (Northern Virginia Returned Peace Corps Volunteers)
26. Steve Werner (Partnering for Peace: Friends of Peace Corps and Rotary)
27. Tony Agnello (Peace Corps Alliance for Intercultural Understanding)
28. Carol Belanger (Peace Corps Friends of DR Congo)
29. Jeanette Gottlieb (Peace Corps Iran Association)
30. Julie Sifuentes (Peace Corps Kids)
31. Tony Agnello (Returned Peace Corps Volunteers of Buffalo, NY)
32. Charlie Hunt (Returned Peace Corps Volunteers of Colorado)
33. Tristan Jones (Returned Peace Corps Volunteers of Los Angeles)
34. Lisa Scorsolini (Returned Peace Corps Volunteers of New Jersey)
35. Kristina Owens (Rochester Returned Peace Corps Volunteers)
36. Nicole Braddick (RPCV Alliance for Ukraine)
37. Evelyn Ganzglass (RPCV Oral History Archive Project)
38. Kevin Elliott (RPCVs at HUD)
39. Kate Schachter (Returned Peace Corps Volunteers for Environmental Action)
40. Martin Havlovic (Returned Peace Corps Volunteers of Wisconsin-Madison)
41. Brad Cleveland (Seattle Area Peace Corps Association)
42. Mary Ahrens (Southern Arizona RPCVs - "Desert Doves")
43. Scott King (West Virginia Returned Peace Corps Volunteer Group)
44. Kathleen Corey (Women of Peace Corps Legacy)

**Approval of 2018 minutes:** The motion to approve the minutes of the 2018 AGNAM, which had been circulated electronically in advance, was made by Kate Schachter, seconded by Kristina Owens, approved by a unanimous vote, and carried.

#### **4. NPCA Leadership Town Hall – Glenn Blumhorst, NPCA President**

Glenn referred group leaders to his presentation earlier in the day for the Annual General Membership Meeting and responded to individual questions from group leaders in attendance.

#### **5. World Café Sessions – Various**

The topics for group sharing and brainstorming were generated based on feedback from and input following the 2018 AGNAM and were designed to provide an opportunity for group leaders to learn directly from other affiliate groups, as well as NPCA staff and other organizations. The group divided into smaller groups that focused on the following topics (for 10 minutes each):

- Capturing the Peace Corps Legacy/Sharing the Peace Corps Story
  - RPCV Oral History Archive Project - Evelyn Ganzglass
  - Museum of the Peace Corps Experience - Nicola Dino
  - Peace Corps Community Archives - Anne Baker
- Engagement for Impact - Part I
  - TCP Global - Helene Dudley
  - Peace Corps Community for Refugees - Darcy Neill
  - Hesperian - Sherry Nadworny
- Engagement for Impact - Part II
  - Advocacy - Jonathan Pearson
  - Partnering for Peace - Charlie Hunt
  - Impact Corps - Juliana Essen

Following the roundtables, each group shared a particular highlight or interesting idea from the discussion.

#### **6. Breakout Discussion – Mariko Schmitz, AGN-C**

As time was running short, Mariko facilitated a brief discussion on a draft circulated electronically ahead of time around what it means to be an affiliate group and policies to be considered around affiliation, reaffiliation and expectations of all parties. A key idea to consider is that currently groups are either affiliated or not; there is no middle designation to indicate a group is forming or reorganizing, which has different implications for individuals looking to join or engage with the group. The consensus was to continue the discussion with interested group members as facilitated by the Affiliate Group Network Advisory Committee (AGNAC). NPCA staff will invite affiliate group leadership to provide additional input around the discussion draft.

#### **7. Adjournment - Mariko Schmitz, AGN-C**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm CT.