

# WAVE Washington Area Villages Exchange



# WAVE Quarterly Meeting Minutes Monday, January 24, 2022, via Zoom

President Mary Jo Deering called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

**Treasurer's Report.** Laurie Pross reported that balance as of January 1 was \$12,159.05.

**Correspondence Secretary's Report.** Dave Prescott reported that 42 villages paid membership dues in 2021 (compared to 45 from the previous year).

#### 2021 Year in Review and 2022 Look Ahead

Mary Jo Deering presented highlights of the past year, including the new 1-on-1 Mentoring Program for WAVE village members and the new Mutual Support zoom sessions that are open to all. She reminded people of the new Founders Award that WAVE member villages may apply for. There is a \$1000 award for the winner from a village with a budget under \$25,000 and another \$1000 award for the winner from a village with a budget of \$25,000 or more. Applications are due February 15<sup>th</sup> and winners will be announced at the April Quarterly Meeting. She described plans for a new website that would not only provide information about WAVE, villages in our region, and the village movement in general, but also feature a shared calendar and functions to join or donate to WAVE, register and pay for events.

#### **Elections for Members of the WAVE Board.**

Two board members from Washington DC had left the board before their twoyear terms were up. Bill Sisolak of Capitol Hill Village was elected to fill the final year of Nadia Taran of Foggy Bottom West End. Eva Lucero of Dupont Circle was elected to fill the final year of Peg Simpson, also of Dupont Circle Village. There was one Maryland vacancy, and Laila Riazi, of Cheverly Village, was elected to a new two-year term.

### **Report on Survey of WAVE Villages During COVID**

Professor Lynn Addington presented findings from her survey of WAVE villages on the impact of COVID. She highlighted contributions by villages to their members and to their wider communities.

## **Plenary**

Michael Feinstein, Vice President of Capacity Partners, spoke on strategic planning for villages. He described how it differs from operational planning, the common pitfalls, and the importance of preparation.

The plenary was followed by breakout sessions.

- 1. Strategic planning for beginners -
- 2. Strategic planning: Is our village ready?
- 3. Strategic planning: lessons learned

The meeting adjourned at the end of the breakout sessions at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Cele Garrett, WAVE Recording Secretary