



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



**Arizona Governor's Commission on Service and Volunteerism  
Wednesday, September 23, 2020 at 1:30 PM  
Remote Meeting**

**Virtual Meeting:** <https://zoom.us/j/93453396641?pwd=MXRrRHpBemFjODIpT2wrZzh2ZmhQZz09>  
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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 (11)**

Donna Martin	Donna Davis
Kimberly Rice	Michael Hammett
Donna McBride	Zanquetta Gray
Alex Gabaldon	Helain Day
Lillian James	Tori Carlson
Robert Ashcraft	

**Members Absent (2)**

Jessica Brosilo	Thomas Winkel
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**Staff & Guests (5)**

Emil Litchfield	Ali Channa
Randy George	Marissa Bachler
Christina Lipin	Kim Brooks

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Commission Chair Donna Davis called the meeting to order at 1:33 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**

Meeting minutes from August 12, 2020 were reviewed. **Commissioner Robert Ashcraft** reported that his name was not included under the 'members present' column. **Commissioner Kim Rice** also noted that her name was missing from the 'members absent' column. **Commissioner Michael Hammett** moved to approve the minutes with the addition of the missing names. **Commissioner Helain Day** seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

#### 4. Updates

- **AmeriCorps Director Emily Litchfield** provided an AmeriCorps Program Update. The program year started on September 1, 2020. There are 21 continuing programs spread across the Formula and National Competitive grant awards. Additionally, 8 Planning Grantees were added to the portfolio this year.
- **Commissioner Robert Ashcraft** provided an update on the Service Enterprise Initiative (SEI) sustainability planning work. The SEI workgroup met on August 31, 2020 to discuss interest in the continuation of SEI in Arizona. On September 18, 2020 there was a meeting with the current Hub partners to assess interest in the administrative support of the initiative. ASU Lodestar Center is happy to fill this role. The workgroup will continue to meet regularly.
- **Zanquetta Gray**, Senior Portfolio Manager at the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) provided an update from the AmeriCorps federal agency. The CNCS Mountain Region Office is celebrating their first anniversary. The CNCS will be announcing a new logo and a new website on September 29, 2020. There is a one year rollout for commissions and subgrantees could have up to three years for implementation depending upon their funding cycle. Additionally, the National Competitive AmeriCorps Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for FY21-22 has been released and is available on the CNCS website.

#### 5. Business

- **Marissa Bachler**, AmeriCorps Program Coordinator with Earn to Learn shared the successes and challenges their program has had in navigating activities during COVID. They were able to shift quickly to a virtual delivery model and also noticed adapting program activities to connect individuals with basic needs to resources including food and housing assistance in addition to their original focus of increasing access to college.
- **Christina Lipin**, Program Coordinator for UofA Wildcat Corps shared her experience serving in the role of rural intermediary in engaging AmeriCorps members in serving all 15 counties in the state. She highlighted the role of UofA, the role of its local partners and infrastructure necessary to serve as an intermediary.
- **Emily Litchfield**, AmeriCorps Director iterated that the National Competitive NOFO for FY 21-22 is now open and available on the CNCS website; all interested organizations are strongly encouraged to apply. The State Formula AmeriCorps Request for Grant Applications (RFGA) will open in Spring 2021 and all interested organizations will be encouraged to apply for that opportunity as well. The office will need

grant reviewers for the Formula RFGA process and interested parties are encouraged to apply to be a grant reviewer through the GOYFF website.

- **Randy George**, AmeriCorps Training Administrator shared best practices for sharing the AmeriCorps funding opportunities.

#### **7. Next Commission Meeting:**

The Commission will meet again on Wednesday, November 4, 2020. The primary purpose of the meeting will be to review the SEI Workgroup conversations, branding roll out plan and program outreach.

#### **Future Agenda items**

- Continuing SEI Conversation
- Branding changeover timeline
- Update of Service Awards
- List of meetings for 2021

#### **9. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made for adjournment by **Commissioner Robert Ashcraft**. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Donna Martin**. The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 PM.

Dated the 23rd day of September,  
2020

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Respectfully Submitted By:

Emily Litchfield

AmeriCorps Director