

NESEA Board Meeting Conference Call - Minutes

August 11, 2016

Participating

Michael Bruss
Caitriona Cooke
Martine Dion
Paul Eldrenkamp
Phil Kaplan
Jennifer Marrapese
Fortunat Mueller
Rick Renner
Lisa Tallet (9:20 AM)

Not Participating

Rob Meyers
John Skipper
Ben Southworth

The Board Conference Call convened at 9:00 AM.

Executive Director Report - Jennifer Marrapese

Close to meeting the sponsorship goal for BENYC. This includes participation by Johnson Controls, thanks to Saheel Chandrani.

Staffing changes over the last year are starting to allow Jennifer to start looking outward. She will be in NYC next week for two days. During that visit, she will meet with Saheel re Board on-boarding. She will also meet with various organizations to talk about relationships with NESEA. It is great to see all the hard work on the staff level starting to pay off.

Trying to get an earlier start on the member letter re giving to NESEA.

Strategic Plan – Fortunat Mueller

Steering Committee met at Fortunat's NH office. Fortunat offered a quick summary. He reviewed the results of the stakeholder reviews and identified some of the highlights to be reviewed by the Board in September. Michael said that in addition to getting good information from the stakeholders, a bond was formed with NESEA.

Is it possible that a draft of strategic plan documents will be available for before the Board meeting?

Governance Committee – Richard Renner

Rick reviewed his August 3 memo to the Board in which he discussed where the new language re Board policing should appear in the Bylaws.

Vote: To approve the modification of the Bylaws by changing the name of Article 6, Section 11 in the Bylaws to “Removal of Directors”, deleting the current language re missing three consecutive meetings, and adding the amendment re removal approved during the May 14 Board meeting. Martine made the motion and Paul seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

Vote: There was no motion to adjourn, just general voice approval.

Phone call adjourned at approximately 9:34 AM.

The next Board meeting is at 50 Miles Street in Greenfield at 10:00 AM on September 9.

Attachments: None

Notes prepared by Rick Renner