

NESEA Board Meeting Conference Call - Minutes

JULY 6, 2017

Participating

Michael Bruss
Damainique Bruce (non-voting Board member)
Saheel Chandrani
Martine Dion
Paul Eldrenkamp
Jenna Ide
Phil Kaplan
Jennifer Marrapese
Rob Meyers
Lauren Brust Moss
Fortunat Mueller
Rick Renner
John Skipper
Cindy Malinchak

Not Participating

Ben Southworth

The Board Conference Call convened at 9:00 AM.

BE17 Boston – Jennifer

The first planning meeting was held last month. The move to the Westin has received universally positive feedback. There will be a site visit to the Westin on July 21. Looking into the Westin's "green" policy and record.

ED Report - Jennifer

VSECU credit union relationship has been established. There will be a soft launch in mid-July. Any NESEA member is eligible to apply for financing. Sun Common in New York State is the first qualified vendor. They are sponsoring a Pro Tour in Vermont in November. Other vendors will have to apply to VSECU and must be a NESEA member.

There are six new Bottom Lines members. These include Maine Passive House, North River Architecture, Hudson Valley Preservation, Eco-Logic Building, Ashley McGraw Architecture, and Solablock.

The Annual Meeting is scheduled to take place before the August 18th Pro Tour in Connecticut.

Governance

The Board Self Evaluation questionnaire needs to be completed and submitted.

Nominating – Martine

The Committee met on June 26. Working on updating and maintaining the roster of candidates in a way that is more pro-active than just reactive.

Advocacy – Damainique and Paul

The committee is assembling a list of like-minded organizations and their contacts to confer with. Hope to have the list completed by September. Martine suggested the Boston Society of Architects, Architecture Advocacy, and USGBC Massachusetts Chapter. Michael Bruss suggested the New Hampshire Sustainable Energy Association and Businesses for Social Responsibility.

Other

Jennifer requested final comments on the calendar of Board meetings. She hopes it can be approved in August or September. There was discussion of holding the next Board Retreat on a Thursday/Friday instead of Friday/Saturday, and most seemed in favor or neutral.

Vote: To adjourn the meeting. Rick made the motion, and Rob seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

Phone call adjourned at approximately 9:42 AM.

The next Board meeting will be a conference call at 9:00 AM on August 10, 2017.

Attachments: None

Notes prepared by Phil Kaplan