NESEA BOD Meeting

6/8/2017

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

 Not Participating

ED Report

Got the Westin for BE2018 and BE2019 location. Better price, better location. We’re very excited. BENYC 25k sponsorship for ConEd and the Danish Clean-tech money came in as well. EP.

Jennifer met with Dave Supple, chair of board of NARI, the remodeling association. He is planning a career day for VOC tech kids. NESEA will exhibit and recruit BE The Future scholarship applicants and EPs. Jennifer and Flo also met w/Lifetime Member Max Horn, who donated $5K for the EP program. He’s willing to have it used as matching funds to leverage other donations. Between that and the $5000 Flo raised last month we’re doing well for EP program funding.

Pro Tour at the Distillery in Boston. 92 registrants. Unsure how many more we can add to the tour. Two more tours in June. Interest isn’t as strong for these two. so Jennifer asked board to help spread the word. Central NY. New Energyworks. Next Friday. PA outside of Philadelphia. Pro Tour program will hit budget goals but it’s important that we show the hosts good support.

BEBL Working to fill the 5 BEBL groups with a total of 50-55 companies. We only have 4 slots left with a number of interested leads. Should be able to populate them.

Nominating Committee update

Consideration of Cindy Malinchak for appointment to Board.

Lauren made a motion to appoint Cindy as a board director. Rob seconded. Roll call was taken. All members voted in favor of appointing Cindy Malinchak to the NESEA board of directors.

Development Committee Report

Rob presented capacity campaign overview and had good discussion about it. One take-away from Flo and Miriam. We don’t want philanthropy and development to be in conflict. Committee seemed happy with the framework. Devan is eager to start to flesh it out. Rob indicated he had invited Elizabeth DiSalvo to join the Development Committee.

50 Miles Committee

No update on search for building manager and/or additional information needed to consider whether to sell the building. Michael has the proforma on his list of to do.
Advocacy Committee
Damainique drafted an invitation letter to invite folks to a community meeting. Asking folks to RSVP to a future meeting by next Friday so we know how much space we need for a focus group regarding working with other organizations to develop an advocacy plan.

Damainique shared that we haven’t had a discussion about the Paris withdrawal. Jennifer shared that she’ll be drafting a letter to address the withdrawal. Early next week is the earliest we can do it. Feedback from board members welcome.

Governance Committee
Lauren shared that few board members have returned their board self assessments to her. She requested them by the end of June to have enough time to analyze the work and share with Phil.

Motion to adjourn was made by Rick and Rob seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting ended at 9:48