

NESEA BOD Meeting

12/05/2019

Zoom Meeting

Participating

Miriam Aylward

Lauren Brust Moss

Saheel Chandrani

Kate Stephenson

Ben Southworth

Rachel White

Andrew Webster

Nancy Ludwig

Betsy Glynn

Not Participating

John Skipper

Jennifer Kearney

Phil Kaplan

Fortunat Mueller

Rob Meyers

9:07am Meeting brought to order.

Vote:

- Motion to approve minutes for Nov 2019: Made by Kate S. Seconded by Ben S.
 - Vote to approve unanimously.

Updates:

- 1) Executive Director report
 - a. Been 1 month since close of 50 Miles; setup and settling into new space ongoing. Space working well.
 - b. Proceeds from the sale used to pay down debt and lines of credit; progress going according to plan.
 - c. Three new applications for Bottom Lines; leaves a couple of spots remaining.
 - d. Tracy C, Program Coordinator for NESEA, has submitted resignation and will be leaving in two weeks.
 - e. BE Boston:
 - i. Feedback received for NESEA night, will be making adjustments to make it a more engaging evening.
 - ii. Sponsorships and Tradeshow progress for show; lots of progress to date.
 - f. BENYC:
 - i. Same venue as last year, date is Sept 24, 2020.
 - g. Fundraising

- i. \$10K match received for fundraising; so far, raised \$5,200 which bring general fundraising to \$42k for the first half of the year. Aim is to reach \$50k by end of Q2.
 - ii. Trend is showing larger donations.
 - iii. Reaching out to former board members, many of whom have given already.
 - h. Magazine:
 - i. Contract is up for negotiation, will explore new publishers and negotiate best deal possible.
- 2) Board election results - discussion of appts.
- a. Need to elect three and appoint 2 candidates
 - b. Lauren M received 112 Votes, Ben S received 92 votes, and Jodi S received XX votes.
 - c. John S, Jennifer K, and Rob M leaving the board.
 - d. Intent is to maintain geographical representation, while also adding needed skills, competencies, and diversity to the board.
 - e. Two appointments need to be made.
 - f. Miriam A to distribute candidate bios for review by board as well as a survey of board opinion.
 - g. Many thanks to Rachel W for all the organization and work into a successful election.
- 3) Non-discrimination policy and other proposed changes to bylaws
- a. Kate reviewed non-discrimination policy and has come up with a few proposed edits:
 - i. <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1tv6EXJPM30CoXowZeteLp6Zp427pY5ihV2252-4Oyo/edit>
 - ii. VOTE TO APPROVE: Motion made by Ben S, second by Rachel W. Vote approved unanimously.
- 4) Development Committee meeting update:
- a. Next call is next week, to tighten up language for grant proposal which is scheduled to be submitted Spring 2020.
- 5) Next meeting in person on Feb 13th.

Motion to adjourn: Rachel W; seconded Ben S.

Meeting closed 9:57AM

Minutes submitted by Saheel C