

NESEA Board Meeting – Monthly Meeting  
December 2, 2021  
Zoom Conference Board Meeting

### **Participating**

Miriam Aylward

Florence MacGregor

Loic Chappoz

Arlen Li

Jodi Smits Anderson

Andrew Webster

Rachel White

Lauren Brust Moss

Kate Stephenson

Betsy Glynn

Andrea Mancino

Nancy Ludwig

Daphany Sanchez

### **Not Participating**

Ben Southworth

Matt Root

### **Meeting brought to order at 9:03 a.m.**

#### **Approval of meeting minutes from November 4, 2021**

Motion from Kate to approve, Arlen seconded - Discussion about updating the term to “old guard” in quotes. Approved with changes by all present and attending the meeting in question.

#### **Discussion on Organizational Updates issued prior to meeting (everyone)**

- What is the potential partnership with Emerald Cities - sharing bottom lines info, and Flo will be a guest speaker. Relationship building and possibility to build BEBL.
- How was fundraising mailing received – on giving Tuesday, so not a lot of response, but a few solid donations. Very nice feature of newest board members.
- How are sponsorships going for Building Energy Boston – slow, people are very hesitant. Suspect people won’t want to confirm until into January.
- Open Social - Third party integration with services and a regular cost that can work with our existing platforms. They are prepping a specific quote. The intent is to simplify the website, instead of an expensive upgrade, and use Open Social as the host for the usability aspects.

#### **Financial Report (Flo)**

- Presented highlights and process.
- We are in a very good position heading into Q2.
- Boston conference registration just launched as well.

#### **Board Election (Rachel)**

- Electing three board members, and one appointment if we choose.
- Nominating Committee (NomCom) recommendation – confirm all three incumbents who were selected by votes and appoint Arnold Sapenter who received the 4<sup>th</sup> highest number of votes.

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### ● **Addition Info**

- 231 voted, a significant increase over last year's participants
- Discussion of term limits and appointment numbers will occur, with Betsy in attendance to review governance, on December 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### ● **Approval of NomCom recommendation**

- Betsy w/Loic seconding.
- Approved by all present.

### **Next year**

- In January we will be voting on Executive Committee for the coming year.
  - Lauren's intention is to step down if others wish to participate.
  - Jodi, Kate, and Rachel would like to remain engaged at this level.
  - We invite people to put their name in as this is an election process. We will sort out, after interest is expressed, if this will be approval of a slate or a voting process.
- Also think of your requested committee work. You can change the committee you are engaged in.
  - Andrea has already stepped up to chair nominating committee
  - We would also like to have "Point" positions on topics of focus. At this point this would include Strategic Planning (to weigh work against the stated goals), and DEI.

### **Strategic Planning (Miriam on behalf of Matt)**

- Review summary – excellent read-aloud summary points of issues and of suggestions
- Look for volunteers
  - Lauren and Kate will craft the mission for discussion
  - Jodi and Arlen will create the elevator pitch
- December homework
  - Draft up to 5 brief goals (add in your goals on the shared sheet in googledocs)
  - Then voting with dots

### **Thank you**

Nancy, thank you so much for your service!

**Next Meeting:** January 6

**Motion to adjourn:** made by Nancy seconded by Andrew. Approved by all present

**Meeting closed:** 10:00 a.m.

Minutes submitted by Jodi Smits Anderson: [jsmitsan@dasny.org](mailto:jsmitsan@dasny.org) for corrections/additions  
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