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 4th highest number of votes.
NESEA Board Meeting – Monthly Meeting
December 2, 2021
Zoom Conference Board Meeting

● **Addition Info**
  o 231 voted, a significant increase over last year’s participants
  o Discussion of term limits and appointment numbers will occur, with Betsy in attendance to review governance, on December 22nd.

● **Approval of NomCom recommendation**
  o Betsy w/Loic seconding.
  o Approved by all present.

**Next year**

● In January we will be voting on Executive Committee for the coming year.
  o Lauren’s intention is to step down if others wish to participate.
  o Jodi, Kate, and Rachel would like to remain engaged at this level.
  o 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.
  o Andrea has already stepped up to chair nominating committee
  o 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
  o Lauren and Kate will craft the mission for discussion
  o Jodi and Arlen will create the elevator pitch
● December homework
  o Draft up to 5 brief goals (add in your goals on the shared sheet in googledocs)
  o 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 for corrections/additions
December 2, 2021