NESEA Board Meeting
January 7, 2021
Zoom Conference Call

Attendees
Miriam Aylward          Betsy Glynn          Andrea Mancino
Ben Southworth          Andrew Webster       Florence MacGregor
Rachel White            Nancy Ludwig         Not Attending
Matt Root               Kate Stephenson      Lauren Brust Moss
Loic Chappoz            Daphany Sanchez      Arlen Li
Jodi Smits Anderson

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

Opening Round:
Each of us provided a short introduction to welcome our new members in our cadre.
• Included was a NESEA high-point story from the past year.

Vote:
Motion to approve minutes for December – approved unanimously with minor changes.

New Items:
BE Boston 2021 Budget Change
• Originally budgeted for in-person
• Back to being virtual. Contracts adjusted.
• Typically we don’t change the budget mid-year, however, in this case we have the exact same amount in revenue reduction as in expense reduction. $200,000. Voting on this update to the Budget will help with tracking going forward.
• Motion by Jodi, seconded by Betsy. Passed unanimously.
Program report

- **BE Boston**
  - Working on new dates. Prefer Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
  - Content committee meeting today and tomorrow on proposals for NESEA BE Boston
    - Loads of quality submissions
  - Beginning outreach to sponsors
  - Registration will be open mid-Feb with very accessible pricing

- **BE NYC**
  - planning meeting on February 4
  - Solidifying vice-chair

- **Magazine** is imminent – celebrating 45 years

- **Bottom Lines**
  - meeting with steering committee in January and working on virtual BEBL conference
  - Including anti-racist workshop offering. Possible plans to expand this training to more at NESEA if all goes well and it is impactful.

- **Pro-Tours**
  - one at end of the month in Maine.
  - Please submit projects by January 22, 2021
    - Especially interested in projects with diversity in design/construction/approach/team.

- **Membership**
  - estimated 40% below previous year, is trending closer to 10%

- **Emerging Professionals**
  - submitting grant for DOE money to develop mentor-based fellowship program
  - NESEA would be program administrator and originator is ARUP

- **Fiscal sponsor of Cooler Communities**
  - we are processing the first payment, of which we keep a percentage

Board Orientation and Committee Reforming

- New board members went through orientation earlier this week with Miriam
- Committees
  - Board Members are to review committee lists and confirm involvement.
  - Commit to at least one committee, and no more than three

Next Meeting

February 4, 2021: to discuss and review all programs as an intro and a context refresher.
- Can we make this longer? Two (2) hours?
- Conflicting with Better Buildings
- NOTE: rescheduled post-meeting to February 11, 2021, 9:00 am – 11:00 am.

Motion to adjourn:
Kate, seconded by Betsy
Meeting closed 10:02 AM

Minutes submitted by Jodi Smits Anderson
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