

NESEA Board Meeting  
January 7, 2021  
Zoom Conference Call

**Attendees**

Miriam Aylward  
Ben Southworth  
Rachel White  
Matt Root  
Loic Chappoz  
Jodi Smits Anderson

Betsy Glynn  
Andrew Webster  
Nancy Ludwig  
Kate Stephenson  
Daphany Sanchez  
Arlen Li

Andrea Mancino  
Florence MacGregor

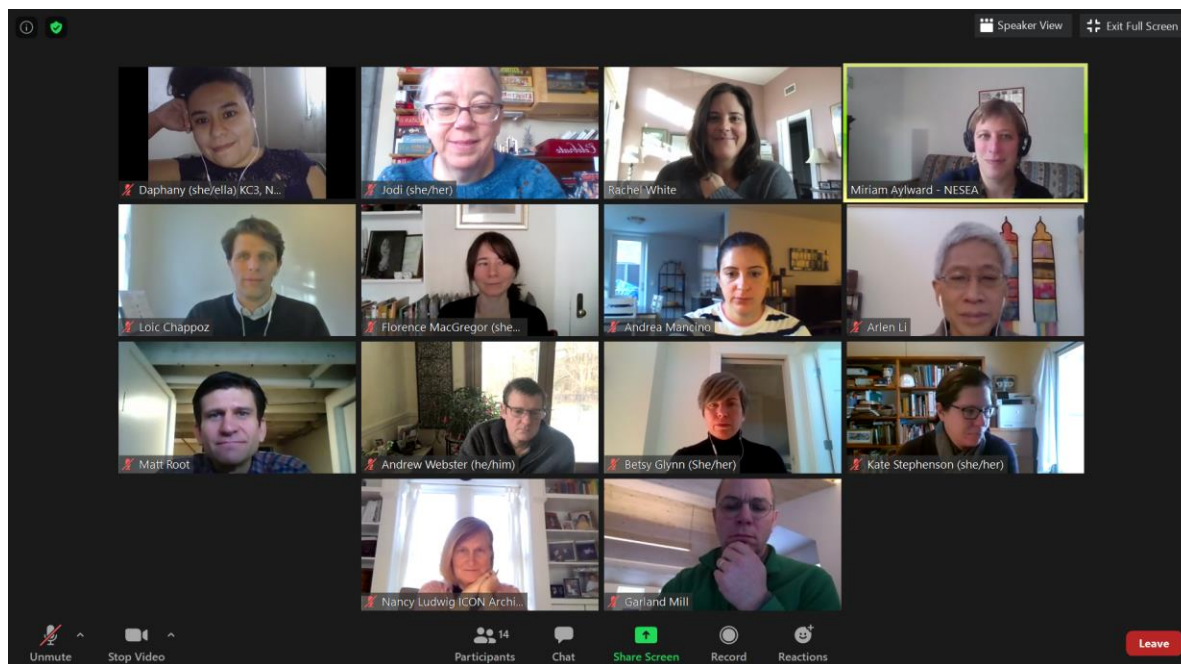
**Not Attending**  
Lauren Brust Moss

**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 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

## **Motion to adjourn:**

Kate, seconded by Betsy

Meeting closed 10:02 AM

Minutes submitted by Jodi Smits Anderson

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