

NESEA Board Meeting – Monthly Meeting
January 6, 2022
Zoom Conference Board Meeting

Participating

Miriam Aylward
Florence MacGregor
Loic Chappoz
Arlen Li
Andrew Webster
Arnold Sapenter

Ben Southworth
Rachel White
Lauren Brust Moss
Kate Stephenson
Matt Root
Betsy Glynn

Andrea Mancino
Daphany Sanchez

Not Participating
Jodi Smits Anderson

Meeting brought to order at 9:06 a.m.

Introductions of all Board Members

Approval of meeting minutes from [December 2, 2021](#)

Motion from Kate to approve, Betsy seconded. Approved unanimously.

Executive Director Report – Miriam

- OpenSocial evaluation led ED to determine what else was needed to create an online community resource.
- Website upgrade also gives the opportunity to investigate 3rd party solutions that create a comprehensive, simpler solution
- BE Boston
 - 2/15 is an online, free conference 2 weeks prior
 - in-person conference on 2/28 and 3/1.
 - Conference attendance – registration is better than predicted but hard to compare to previous years because of differences in calendar. Introducing flexible refund policy. NESEA will pivot based on new variants and registration/member feedback.

Board Officer Elections

- Slate: Rachel, chair; Arlen, vice chair; Kate, treasurer; Jodi, secretary
- Motion to approve made by Matt, seconded by Ben.
- Unanimous election of the complete slate

DRAFT Board Committee Plan

- Proposed Committee plan will be emailed to Board members to select final membership on a committee
 - Require participation in at least 1 committee

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2022 Meeting Schedule

- First Thursdays, 9-10
 - Move to lunchtime meeting – 12pm on 1st Thursday of each month
- In-person 2-day retreat in May
 - May 5-6, 2022 in Providence, RI
 - Move to June 2-3, 2022 to accommodate budgeting and planning
- In-person 1-day meeting in Dec. 1, 2022 Greenfield, MA
 - Move to Wednesday, November 30, 2022

Strategic planning (Matt, Flo, Miriam)

- Update on Mission, Vision & Values draft
 - Kate and Lauren submitted a proposed updated mission and vision:
 - Our Vision
We envision a vibrant and resilient built environment that advances climate justice and equity through connection and community.
 - Our Mission
NESEA advances sustainability practices in the built environment by cultivating a cross-disciplinary community where practitioners are encouraged to share, collaborate and learn.
- Update on Elevator Pitch
 - Arlen and Jodi are in process. Miriam will send all proposed updates for Board review.
- Three options for strategic priorities
 - 3 Board members will work with Flo and Miriam on this synthesis (Kate, Arnold and Andrew)
 - Goal: 8-9 Draft Goals to be presented at February board meeting for approval

Next meeting: Feb. 3, same time as BBD (5)

- 90 minutes?
- Given that we need time for BE Boston and the Strategic Plan we may need to push some of the other items to the March meeting.
- Investment policies
- Endowment intention and endowment disbursement policy
- nesea.org and Google calendar resources
- Nominating
- policies
 - Term limits
 - Number of appointments

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Motion to adjourn:

Meeting closed:

Minutes submitted by