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

**Participating**

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<th>Miriam Aylward</th>
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**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
  - 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
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
Motion to adjourn:
Meeting closed:

Minutes submitted by