

NESEA Board Meeting – Monthly Meeting

July 1, 2021

Zoom Conference Board Meeting

Participating

Miriam Aylward
Loic Chappoz
Arlen Li
Andrea Mancino
Jodi Smits Anderson
Kate Stephenson

Daphany Sanchez
Ben Southworth
Andrew Webster
Rachel White
Betsy Glynn

Not Participating

Lauren Moss
Nancy Ludwig
Matt Root

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

Approval of meeting minutes from June 3, 2021

Motion from Arlen to approve, Loic seconded - approved by all present

Program reports

- Program updates were shared prior to meeting via e-mail for review by Board Members

Discussions

• Pro-tours

- The last pro-tour truly created connections and community, with attendees helping new attendees understand the many acronyms associated with passive-house work
- Will there be a role for virtual pro tours?
 - Staff is considering the planning and tech needs
 - There is greater ease of attendance, broader geographical reach, and the possibility of including more student attendance

Investment policy – this is a step in preparing for the planned giving campaign

- Endowment fund to support development of new programs to support priorities defined by the board
- Policy is specific to how to use the dividends, not the process of accessing
- General discussion about our three funds (Kate, Internship, and Endowment)
 - We have invested in green portfolios and want to confirm the investing is 100% diversified from fossil fuels and prisons, to reflect NESEA values.
 - The internship funds are revolving and perhaps should not be included in the investment strategy
 - Each of the three funds have some restriction. There is no restriction in drawing the Kate or Intern funds down to zero and the endowment fund has a replenishment section
 - Solid paperwork - we want to honor the donors' intent, and there may be a time when the funds are needed, and the donor is no longer with us
 - This will now be the Dispersement Policy
- Next steps –
 - Get confirmation of intent of donations from the donors for the record
 - Define (and limit) restrictions
 - We next need to craft an Investment Policy
 - Confirm fossil-fuel free and prison free investments
- Motion from Ben to approve this policy w/Andrew seconding. Approved by all in attendance.

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Working Group/Committee updates

- **Strategic plan**

- Poised to start gathering data.
 - Survey going out next week. WG and execs have reviewed.
 - 5 open focus group meetings are planned.
 - Great raffle approach to entice participation, including ideas from the E-com.

- **Nominating Committee**

- Fireside Chat went very well
 - This seemed to also be about how to get more involved with NESEA, and perhaps future meeting about board service should expand to cover getting engaged with NESEA at all levels.
- Good follow up after.
- Next meeting of this nature should allow more QnA time

Next Meeting

August 5, 9am – 10am

Motion to adjourn: made by Ben, seconded by Andrew. Approved by all present

Meeting closed 10:01 AM

Minutes submitted by Jodi Smits Anderson

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