

EENM Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
April 5, 2023

Present: Ryan Pemberton, Allison Martin, Shantini Ramakrishnan, Steve Glass, Marcia Barton
Colleen McRoberts

Quorum is present at 4:07 pm
Meeting called to order at 4:08 pm,

(5 min) Consent Agenda: [March meeting minutes](#) and [financial statements](#) (2)
Steve moved approval, Shantini seconded; Consent Agenda passed by unanimous vote

(20 min) [Directors' Summary](#)
Version 2 of the Toolbox will have standards alignment. Good reception for the Toolbox. SB 289 did not make it out of committee. SB9 passed and signed by Governor - outdoor equity bill.

Fundraiser: requesting Earth Day celebration events info (via LGL form) to compile in the Outdoor Education Toolkit with a flyer; donation button will also be included; fundraiser will be connected to the Outdoor Learning Toolkit. BOD can help distribute the form.
Whitfield is having a 2 day Earth Day event - Allison and Carlos will attend and present - plus grab-n-go activities.
Intention is that all EENM activities will be fundraisers

NNM Communities of Practice with Shantini: Highlighting Northern Youth Project with Lupita. Lupita has stepped down, and NYP is looking for new leadership
Northern New Mexico Communities of Practice NNMCoP- Discovery phase begins May with 3 listening sessions in Rio Arriba, Mora, and Taos. 10 minute video presentation. May have a videographer from NMHU video the CoP.

Talking Talons YL EPA Watershed Stewardship Workshops- Designing curriculum (Carlos and Allison) for 2 workshops with Los Padillas schools. (\$3K). 2 half-day workshops in June for grade 3,4, and 5 teachers. Can offer teachers a \$70 stipend.

Evaluation Community of Practice- Board motion needed to support a \$100 honorarium for a community gathering presentation regarding evaluation in environmental education. Bring in a presenter possibly Charissa Jones (Charzee) about evaluation for outdoor learning.
<https://outdoorschool.oregonstate.edu/educator-resources/self-evaluation-tools/> . Steve moves to approve a \$100 honorarium for Charissa Jones about an evaluation for the Communities of Practice. Colleen seconds, approved unanimously.

Financials: Our financial situation is improving! We are still well behind projections, but with a few grants starting to roll in, we have a bit of breathing room. Grants take a great deal of time

and effort, and we will be shifting towards sponsorship and donation based funding for our operations.

We have received a small general operations grant from the McCune Foundation in the amount of \$10,000, and have applied for a three year general operations grant (thanks, Allison!) for \$40,000 per year from United Way of Central New Mexico (will know at the beginning of July), a \$25,000 general operations grant from the Wallace Genetic Foundation (notified around the middle of June).

We are working on a general operations grant for \$25,000 from the Lineberry Foundation (July 1 awardees announced), and a J.M. Kaplan Innovation Prize for our youth fellowship which would be a total of \$175,000 over three years (not usually for nonprofits, and will submit for Youth Leadership Project).

(15 min) [GLOBE presentation](#) from Marcia

Other programs to be sure to include in the toolkit include: <http://www.abqcitynature.org/> , <https://www.cocorahs.org/> ,

(20 min) Nominations Committee - Presentation of Board Candidates: Marcella Talamante, Noelle Chavez, and LuAnn Kilday.

We are short 2 members and replacing 3. The BOD can approve 2, and on May 18, at the annual meeting, the members can vote on other candidates. We have until April 18 to submit candidates for the annual meeting.

Motion by Marcia Barton to approve Marcella Talamante, Noelle Chavez and Luann Kilday as BOD candidates for approval at the annual meeting. Seconded by Steve Glass. Unanimously approved.

If the bylaws are amended to increase the size of the board, the BOD can appoint other new members (double check)

Carlos will put a call for nominations in tomorrow's newsletter. Colleen suggests that we discuss onboarding at the next meeting. Carlos suggests we create an alumnus BOD honor position

(10 min) Committee and Action Team Updates:

- Annual Meeting- date is May 18, notification of meeting has to be sent out by April 18.

We will approve the agenda at the May BOD meeting

- By-Laws and Handbook link?

- Finance and Budget Committee (Steve- did not meet prior to this meeting, but see financial summaries). Will receive a Zoom invite from Carlos before April 18.

- Membership (Kelly, Ryan, Colleen, Shantini and Carlos)

- Nominations (Ryan, Colleen, Allison): Three new Board members recruited and vetted

- Meet-n-Greet Party (Colleen) - Carlos will check with Colleen about possible times and dates. Evenings?

(10 min) Fellows Committee - Discussion of how to involve Fellows moving forward - MOVE to May

(10 min) Change in meeting time discussion - 4:00 start time is a deal breaker for some. 5:30 would be earliest for Olivia, 6 is better.

Preference for start time. :

RP - 6:00

CM - 5:30 - 7

SG - 5:30 to 7

AM - 5:30 to 7

SR - either

MB - 5:30 start

CMM - flexible

OM -

KS -

Reevaluate meeting time and day when new board members are on board after the annual meeting.

Ryan adjourns the meeting at 5:33 pm.

Next meeting possible items:

Transition and onboarding of new board members.

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