

Agenda:

Present: Carlos, Allison, Kelly, Colleen, Steve, Ryan, Marcia, Shantini

Absent: Olivia

1. **Consent Agenda:** [January Minutes](#) and Financials*
 - a. *Not available ATM, Carlos will explain
 - b. Steve moved to approve, Kelley seconded; Approved unanimously

2. **Director's Summary**
 - a. Carlos reviewed current and pending projects
 - b. Financials are in dire straits, new funding grants take time to develop. Examples include NASA GLOBE, LANL Foundation
 - c. Grants have limitations, so it would be great to seek other sources of funding including business sponsors, other types of memberships. Board will need to be active with these connections
 - d. Restructuring memberships is on the docket. Would like to set a goal of having half of EENM memberships be schools, private schools, tiered business memberships and other types of memberships by the end of 2024.

Questions about Toolkit...

Funding - \$12K from Forest Service

Website - Will be the same website: outdoorlearningnm.org

Updated inventory? EENM was funded 5 years ago by Valles de Oro. Talking Talons is taking initiative to update the inventory

Other updates/questions:

- Steve asked if Board participation in Outdoor Recreation Day will be useful - Carlos responded "definitely!".
- Quarterly meetings of ABQ-centric OL providers (Colleen)
- Colleen spoke with Deb Thrall about hosting a shindig at her house and Deb is enthusiastic about hosting it. Potential dates are needed, as well as being clear about the EENM 'ask'.
- Marcia offered to do a 10 minute presentation about GLOBE at our next board meeting, and the potential for being involved in a long term grant with NASA
- NM Legacy Fund for 2.5:1 match, Carlos has a draft letter of support to the legislative committee. ;<https://www.abqjournal.com/2568407/lands-need-state-legacy-fund.html>
- Allison will attend Valles de Oro conservation career fair on Feb. 11
- Allison and the Fellows have been involved with messaging. Created a document EENM Fellowship Messaging for Every Kid Every Day Every Way. Will go on the website and be highlighted in the newsletter.
https://drive.google.com/drive/u/0/folders/19SVWU-6E_Sun12T0x3A7vLWC1176U1VP
- Allison and Carlos are meeting with NM PED Math and Science Bureau (MSB) tomorrow. There are now two Outdoor Learning Specialists in the MSB. Allison

and Carlos meeting with Shafiq (Director), and Vanessa (OL Specialist) and Terese (new OL Specialist)

3. **Committee and Action Team Updates:**

-Annual Meeting committee (Kelly, Ryan, Allison and Carlos) has not met. May or June Colleen offered open space venue

-By-Laws and Handbook (Ryan) Incorporating edits from last few meetings. Still a couple of questions to discuss

-Fellows (see above about developing messaging) Keep current Fellow Action Team to help develop the Youth Leadership program

-Finance and Budget (Steve and Marcia) Carlos has been set up as signatory on the checking account and now has an EENM credit cards. Will meet with Carlos every month between board meetings. Also invite the bookkeeper - Jennifer. Coming up to speed.

-Nominations (Kelly, Colleen, Ryan, Carlos, Allison) Kelly will send out a doodle poll to find a meeting time. Potential candidates include the Fellows (LuAnn?, Susan, Noelle, Kirsten, other Fellows, Robbi Berry (now at the PED).

-Alum Advisory Board - do we want to create one?

- Party at Deb's: (Colleen and Kelly, and Carlos)

4. **Bylaws discussion:**

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1tIM0KkWerCtpdjikCVuuMtXHcMYEMm/edit>

Votes at the member annual meetings: vote on new board members, bylaw revisions.

Section 6:01 talks about committees, so could delete 6.02.

Board will vote on the completed draft that will be presented at the annual meeting for a vote by members instead of individual revisions.

5. Kelly offers to **draft letter** to encourage people to join, showing how EENM is engaged with legislative actions. Shantini and Carlos will also help with that.

6. **Motion to adjourn:**

a. Colleen motions to adjourn at 5:19, Kelly seconds, passed unanimously. Board adjourns at 5:20 pm