

March 1, 2023 Board Meeting

Present: Ryan Pemberton, Colleen McRoberts, Marcia Barton, Carlos Matutes, Allison Martin, Kelly Sayanagi, Shantini Ramakrishnan, Steve Glass

Quorum reached at 4:45 pm

(5 min) Consent Agenda: [February Minutes](#) and [Financials](#) and [Financial.2](#)

Colleen motions to approve consent agenda, Kelly seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

(25 min) Director's Summary

- SB 9 going to House Finance, then House Floor. SB 9 is Land of Enchantment Legacy Funds. Allows feds to match state funding.
- SB 289 is tabled for this year. Biggest hurdle is that it is an unfunded mandate.
- Allison and Marcia attended the PED OL ad-hoc committee yesterday.
- Upcoming Projects:
 - Youth Fellowship Project. Looking for funding
 - EE Camp NM - also looking for funding for October weekend. Participant driven. Location: Valencia County school. Formal and Informal educators.

Financials: See below for grants and fundraising possibilities

(10 min) **Outdoor Learning Toolkit** - Carlos

- Nmoutdoorlearning.org website is up and running. The Resources Library is the highlight of the site. USFS providing bulk of current funding. Allison and Carlos meeting with PED Outdoor Learning Specialists, Vanessa and Theresa, tomorrow to talk about the importance of alignment of standards, and resources.
- Version 1 launches March 10
- CM: Children and Nature Library also has great info. <https://research.childrenandnature.org/>
- CM: ABQ network has in-person resources and is also a need. CM: This could be included in Version 2

(10 min) **Grants and Fundraising**

- AM: the United Way of North Central NM and statewide grant. Community Investment grant. Can apply for \$25K for operational funds. BOD members are encouraged to take a look at it.
- EPA grant of \$500k. Should we apply? We do have organizational partners. We don't have the resources to apply this year. Could use it to see what EENM would have to do in order to apply in the next year or two
- Wallace Genetics (?) grant may provide up to \$25K in operational funds
- **Sponsorships ask.** Looking at tiered membership levels and membership levels. Are there ways that EENM could offer tangible benefits?

(10 min) **Communities of Practice**

- Starting 'Listening Sessions' in April. Funded by LANL-F. Shantini setting up, Carlos helping to moderate. Topics TBD. First sessions will be in Espanola (Growing Champions Locally) and Mora Cty (How a Macro Network has become impactful).

(5 min) **Outdoor Rec Day at the Roundhouse - March 7**

- Primary sponsors: Endeavor NM, Cottonwood Gulch, EENM. Wild Friends will also be there. Allison and Carlos will be there. Marcia can help 8:30-10:30. Setup at 8:30. Will be there 9 am - noon.

(25 min) **Committee and Action Team Updates:**

-Annual Meeting

Group is looking for first meeting time

-By-Laws and Handbook

-Fellows

Fellows as a resource for EENM. Add as an agenda item for April.

-Finance and Budget

-Nominations

KS: 5 spots to fill plus the additional 2 spots to increase the board membership.

Yes: Luann Kilde, Farm and Ranch Museum near Las Cruces, an EENM alumni Fellow;

Probably: Tallie, perhaps after the summer. Allison has talked with Noelle Chavez. Robbi Berry (PED)

Need to follow up: Ryan following up with Marcella Talamante.

Carlos Herrera - Kelly will reach out him again

Goal: next meeting vote on applicants. Right now the board can appoint people to fill the vacancies and

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

Revisiting tiered membership levels and benefits

Richard Becker Award to recognize outstanding EENM members?

-Meet-n-Greet Party - Colleen

Send Colleen possible dates to see if Deb Thrall is available.

Possible April Agenda items:

- How Fellows can impact EENM in a positive way such as serving on a committee, becoming a BOD member, involvement in the annual meeting, etc.
- Introduction to the GLOBE program (Marcia) globe.gov. GLOBE is Global Learning and Observations to Benefit the Environment international program funded primarily by NASA, NOAA, and the NSF.

5:32 Meeting formally adjourned.