

Minutes for EENM Board Meeting on July 5, 2023

Present: LuAnn Kilday, Stephen Glass, Marcela Talamante, Noelle Chavez, Marcia Barton, Susan Shipull, Amanda Keith, Shelby Bazan, Shantini Ramakrishnan, Marcela Talamante, Kirsten Couevas

Absent: Olivia Marin

Ex officio: Allison Martin, Carlos Matutes

Official meeting start time. Link to Zoom::

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84581972288?pwd=S016S1U3R09GdnhZaDk5MDIZNUtxdz09>

Meeting called to order by Shantini at 6:11 pm.

Intros

Consent agenda - [Minutes 2023 Annual Meeting May5 2023](#) (blylaws section),

[June meeting minutes](#), June Financials,

Note: The minutes of the 2023 Annual Meeting were not approved at the last meeting because the bylaw section was incomplete. [Bylaws approved at 2023 Annual Meeting.docx](#)

Steve makes a motion to approve the Annual Meeting minutes. Seconded by LuAnn.

Unanimously approved by visual indication.

Steve made a motion to approve the June meeting notes. Amanda seconds, unanimously approved by visual indication.

Steve makes a motion to accept the June Financials, Marcia seconds, unanimously approved by visual indication.

[Director's Summary](#), [Statement of Activity for June 2023](#)

Ongoing Projects

- Northern New Mexico Communities of Practice- Discovery phase begins August with 3 listening sessions in Rio Arriba, Mora, and Taos
- Fundraising plan
- EENM Environmental Education Certification
- Updating the Toolkit with Summer Activities

Upcoming Projects

- Outdoor Classroom and Garden Event (August 26th) - \$200 travel stipend for guest
- NAAEE Conference (October 17-20)
- Youth Fellowship
- EECamp NM (September 22-24)

Community Connections

Native STEM Community Connections, Teacher workshops on June 12. NM EPSCOR Circle of Alliance was attended by Allison, Presentation to NMSTA board. Possibly create a teacher's forum for teacher discussions.

Steve makes a motion to approve \$200 travel and \$150 food. Kirsten seconds the motion. Unanimously approved.

Suggestion to have a threshold amount for expenses that need to be approved by the BOD. Allison, Steve, Kirsten, Noelle, Amanda, and Carlos will meet to develop a proposal and present it to the BOD at the August meeting.

Fundraising plan

Several grant applications were not funded. May apply for several grants in October. Carlos reaffirms that EENM has to diversify funding sources in addition to grants, developing the membership program could provide a solid financial foundation.

Developing the membership levels and member benefits, with a focus on corporate memberships will be a focus for Carlos in the coming months. Kirsten has experience with this and can help Carlos with this. Amanda suggests looking at Outdoor Program and EENM has applied for this cycle. An annual conference could also be an income generator.

EENM Environmental Education Certification

Basic concepts: Recraft so that the NM PED could use for microcredentialing. Ideally there would be two tracks - formal educators for classroom teachers, and an informal educator track. This works toward "Every Kid" goal of Every Kid, Every Day, Every Way.

TBD is costs, marketing, working with NM PED

Potential fundraising for businesses to support scholarships.

Steve wonders about school garden certification possibilities.

Potential for the Math and Science Council (Marcia) to include microcredentialing and a revised SB 289 in their recommendations to NM PED and legislature.

Board retreat

Half day, 9-1, on a Saturday in Aug or early September. Carlos or Allison a Doodle Poll. On Zoom. Potential conflict on 8/19 with Nature Ninos workshop.

Change of Officers

Co-Chairs: Shantini Ramakrishnan and

Marcia nominates Steve Glass as co-chair, Steve accepts the nomination

Treasurer: Steve suggests one person as treasurer. Steve nominates LuAnn. LuAnn accepts the nomination (with Steve's support)

Secretary: Steve nominates Shelby. Shelby accepts.

Amanda makes a motion to approve the slate of officers for the 2023 and 2024 years. The slate is Shantini and Steve as co-chairs; LuAnn as treasurer; Shelby as Secretary. Seconded by Susan. Unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:32.