

Thursday, March 12, 2020

Attendance

Board: Lynn Richards (President & CEO), Laurie Volk (Chair), Larry Gould (Chapter Representative), Matt Lambert (Treasurer), David Kim, Susan Henderson (Chair Elect), Emily Talen (virtual), and Frank Starkey (Secretary).

Staff: Abby Sheridan, Claire Strickland, Margaret O'Neal

Meeting was called to order at 11:57am EST by Laurie Volk.

1. Welcome

Presented by Laurie Volk

- Declaration of Conflict of Interest: No conflicts were declared.
- Chair's Report: Included in the packet, CEO review was overwhelmingly positive.

2. President's Report

Presented by Lynn Richards

- Letter included in the board packet.
- An EOY report will be published soon.
- Introductions from staff members: Mallory Baches, Margaret O'Neal, and Claire Strickland

3. Consent Agenda

Presented by Laurie Volk

Motion to accept the consent agenda by Susan Henderson

Seconded by Matt Lambert

Vote – motion unanimously approved, no abstentions and no oppositions

4. Report on Board Review

Presented by Laurie Volk

- Successes: The Board is becoming more efficient and working well together.
- Areas for Improvement: monitoring performance, ensuring accountability of members, and diversifying membership.

5. Pass Board Bylaws Changes to Implement New Board Structure

Presented by Lynn Richards

Motion to amend the bylaws as proposed, with discussion of changes by Frank Starkey

Seconded by Susan Henderson

Vote – motion unanimously approved, no abstentions and no oppositions.

Motion to accept these policies as new Board policies by Laurie Volk

Seconded by David Kim

Vote – motion unanimously approved, no abstentions and no oppositions.

6. Nominations & Elections (Secretary, Treasurer)

Presented by Laurie Volk

Matt Lambert and Frank Starkey exited the meeting.

Motion to reelect Matt Lambert as Treasurer and Frank Starkey as Secretary again to the next year by Laurie Volk

Seconded by Emily Talen

Vote – motion passes with five in favor, none opposed, and two abstentions (Matt Lambert and Frank Starkey)

Matt Lambert and Frank Starkey returned to the meeting.

7. Discussion & Vote on Strategic Plan

Presented by Lynn Richards and Laurie Volk

Motion to edit it by merging the paragraph “but we are far from satisfied” with the following one by Susan Henderson

Seconded by Laurie Volk

Vote - motion unanimously approved, no abstentions and no oppositions.

Motion to pass the strategic plan with the minor edits by Matt Lambert

Seconded by Emily Talen

Vote - motion unanimously approved, no abstentions and no oppositions.

7. Future Meeting Schedule

Presented by Lynn Richards

- Board meeting dates confirmed.
- Committee meeting dates to be corrected.
- Everything will be added to the Board Google Calendar.

8. CNU 28.Twin Cities and COVID-19

Presented by Lynn Richards

- Discussion around COVID-19 contingency plans for the Congress.
- The Congress will be happening, in-person or virtual. The fees may change if we move to virtual.

Matt Lambert exited the meeting at 3:47pm EST.

9. Honoring deceased and aging CNU Members

Discussion lead by Frank Starkey

- At a Plenary:
 - Deceased Founders will get a special announcement.
 - Deceased Members will be honored with their name on a presentation slide.
 - Optional gatherings to honor the deceased, after a plenary. These will not be organized by CNU staff.
- Consider hosting a festschrift – a special event in honor of someone (who died), i.e. a transportation planning session for a transportation planning person.
- Consider hosting a retrospective for a living member's work.
 - The Board to select an individual annually.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:00pm EST by Laurie Volk.

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Meeting was called to order at 9:01am EST by Laurie Volk. Frank Starkey was absent to start.

1. Presentations to Host CNU 30 & Board Decision

Motion to approve city #1 by Susan Henderson

Seconded by Laurie Volk

Vote - motion unanimously approved, 1 absent (Frank Starkey), no opposed.

2. Group Project to Implement Strategic Plan

Discussion lead by Lynn Richards

- Goal is to implement the strategic plan and increased Board collaboration through a Board-led Legacy Project
- Decision to complete a Legacy Project in Knoxville, Tennessee

Board broke for lunch at 11:50am EST. Board reconvened at 1:06pm. Frank Starkey joined at 1:31pm EST on video.

3. Ideas on How to Evolve the Congress

Discussion lead by Lynn Richards and Matt Lambert

- Key takeaways:
 - Don't need three plenaries
 - Try a half day of TED Talks
 - Every day doesn't have to look like every other day (just be clear with people about what to expect)
 - Structured/unstructured time is necessary
 - Bring back the debate tables (Emily will sketch up what this could look like for CNU 29)
 - Need to be clear about the entry points and selection process
 - X sessions selected by Congress Committee via call for sessions
 - X sessions selected by Paddy via call for OI
 - X sessions curated by the LHC
 - X sessions curated by The Guild / Local Gov Committee / etc.

Meeting was adjourned 3:27pm EST by Laurie Volk.