

Monday, June 29, 2020

Attendance

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

Staff: Margaret O’Neal (Director of Programs), Abby Sheridan (Acting Director), Mallory Baches (Director of Strategic Development)

Laurie Volk, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:02pm. A quorum was present.

1. Declaration of Conflict of Interest — Presented by Laurie Volk (Chair)

Discussion: No conflicts declared.

2. CNU Report — Presented by Abby Sheridan (Acting Director)

3. Consent Agenda— Presented by Laurie Volk (Chair)

Motion to accept the consent agenda by Laurie Volk.

Seconded by Frank Starkey.

Vote: Unanimously approved. Motion passes.

Gary left the meeting at 2:06pm EDT.

4. Confirmation of Gary Scott as Chapter Representative — Presented by Larry Gould (Chapter Representative)

Discussion: Gary was elected by the Chapter leadership for this role. He will shadow Larry for one year. Voting rights belong to Larry until the next Congress.

Motion to confirm Gary Scott as Chapter Representative Elect and Chapter Rep to begin in May 2021 by Larry Gould.

Seconded by David Kim.

Vote: Unanimously approved. Motion passes.

Gary rejoined the meeting at 2:10pm EDT.

5. Virtual Congress Review & Discussion – Presented by Margaret O’Neal (Director of Programs)

Discussion: Over 1,300 attended, including staff. Programming included 82 sessions with an average of 100 attendees per session. Overall, good feedback—though we have received some critical feedback concerning the representation. Key takeaways:

- Consider bringing in virtual components to future in-person Congresses.
- Consider how the Congress sessions can adapt and stay in the moment (like the Congress did with COVID-19 and the Black Lives Matter movement).

6. **2020 Budget - Presented by Matt Lambert (Treasurer)**

Motion: to approve the revised 2020 budget by Matt

Seconded by Susan.

Discussion: The revised budget reflects CNU's new reality..

Vote: Unanimously approved. Motion passes.

7. **Generative Discussion on CNU Business Model and Planning for 2021 - Presented by Lynn Richards (CEO & President)**

Discussion:

- Importance of rethinking what “complete neighborhoods” looks like through an equity lens and what this means to different communities.
- Conversation around examining the Charter's relevance today, and having it reviewed by members and allies who know CNU and our mission.

Lynn Richards departed the meeting.

8. **Update on Virtual CNU Virtual Education Offerings - Presented by Mallory Baches (Director of Strategic Development)**

Discussion:

- CNU is developing a core curriculum for New Urbanism, so people have more opportunities for education and learning techniques.
- Draft syllabus, which came out of a spring 2020 workshop:
 - Intro courses
 - 202 courses (how you can apply this knowledge)
 - 300 level courses (a deep dive)
 - Master Classes (interviews with leading thinkers)
- In the process of defining the relationship with On the Park Bench and CNU-A.

- Will be considering all education materials through an equity lens.

9. **Generative Discussion: BLM Board statement follow up / Increasing diversity at CNU / Member actions - Presented by Abby Sheridan (Acting Director), Margaret O'Neal (Director of Programs), & Mallory Baches (Director of Strategic Development)**

Discussion:

- Staff shared ideas generated internally: setting firm benchmarks for diversity at the Congress, compensating speakers, being transparent about how and why we select sessions, using the platforms we have to bring in new voices, organizing listening sessions/a debate/review on NU projects, talking about what we're doing, continuing to educate ourselves, hosting a book club.
- Need to move beyond making statements and into action; think about what is accomplishable.
- Board asked to consider what they might do, and what CNU might ask the membership to do:
 - Can NuFuture serve as a tool to illustrate our plans?
 - Can the board facilitate a discussion around the Charter?

Motion to adjourn by Laurie Volk. Meeting adjourned at 5:03pm EDT.