
DATE: March 8, 2018

Attendees

Board: Lynn Richards (President and CEO), Eliza Harris Juliano (Chair), Matthew Lewis (Secretary), Laurie Volk (Treasurer), Larry Gould, Scot Spencer, Emily Talen, John Torti, Jessica Millman,

Virtual: Michaele Pride (Chair Elect), Susan Henderson,

Absent: Dick Jackson

Staff: Moira Albanese, Lisa Schames

Eliza Harris Juliano, Board Chair called the meeting to order at 12:12 PM ET. A quorum was present.

1. Declaration of Conflict of Interest — Presented by Eliza Juliano Harris (Chair)

- I. **Discussion:** No financial conflicts. There will be moments when Laurie, Michaele, and Matt need to recuse themselves for voting when their own nominations are considered.

2. Chair's Report

- I. Most important discussions for this meeting are going to be the Strategic Plan and the DEI training.

3. President's Report

- I. Registration for CNU.26 is higher than for either Providence or Detroit.
- II. New this year is a push for more local government participation.
- III. Shoulder events and partners for this year include the National League of Cities, the Form-Based Code Bootcamp, the Project for Public Spaces, and the City Building Express Tour.
- IV. The legacy projects in Savannah were last week (March 2-5, 2018).
- V. Jay Shepley was hired as the Member Engagement Manager.

4. Consent Agenda— Presented by Eliza Harris Juliano (Chair)

Motion: To pull the minutes and fellows memo from the agenda by Matt Lewis. Seconded by Scot Spencer.

Vote: All in favor, motion passes.

Motion: To approve the rest of the consent agenda by Scot Spencer. Seconded by Matt Lewis.

Vote: All in favor, motion passes.

Motion: To amend the minutes to include Jessica Millman and Dick Jackson as attendees by Matt Lewis. Seconded by Jessica Millman.

Vote: All in favor, Motion Passes.

- I. Fellows memo will be tabled until May Meeting.

5. CNU.28 Presentation

Discussion: Lucy Thompson and Michael Lander from St. Paul and Minneapolis MN made a pitch to the board to host CNU.28.

- I. The local host committee has already been putting together ideas on what kinds of legacy projects, program highlights, and transportation logistics between the two different cities.
- II. Potential Congress Themes
 - a. Promise of Public Realm
 - b. Equity and Transportation
 - c. Regional Urbanism

Motion: to approve the bid for CNU.28 to be held in the Twin Cities by Jessica Millman. Seconded by Scot Spencer.

Vote: All in favor. Motion Passes.

6. Nomination Committee—Presented by John Torti

Approval of New Members for May

Discussion: The Nominations Committee created a sabbatical board policy to address when a board member needs to take time away from the board.

Motion: to approve the policy as written. Motion withdrawn by Scot Spencer.

Motion: To nominate Matt Lambert as a contingent board member if the need arises, moved by John Torti. The motion was seconded.

Vote: All in favor. Motion passes.

Discussion: The outreach for candidates for the elected board member seat up for renewal resulted in only one candidate, and board policy stipulates that there must be two candidates for an election to be held. Because there was a single candidate for the elected seat, there will be no election.

Motion: to appoint Vinayak Bharne to the position that was intended to be elected, by John Torti.

Vote: All in favor. Motion passes.

Renewing Members

Discussion: Michael Pride and Laurie Volk have submitted letters of renewal for a second term. Matt Lewis' elected seat will be extended for one year to ensure full board number of 12. At this time, Matt, Michael, and Laurie recused themselves from voting.

Motion: to extend Matt Lewis' term by one year, moved by the Nominations Committee.

Vote: Unanimous. Motion Passes.

Motion: to renew both Michael Pride and Laurie Volk for second terms, moved by the Nominations Committee.

Vote: Unanimous. Motion Passes

Election of Executive Committee Members

Discussion: Michael Pride will be the incoming Chair, so there needs to be a new incoming Chair-Elect. Laurie Volk self-nominates for Chair-Elect Seat.

- I. Nominations for other committees will be held in May 2018 board meeting, and the committee list will be distributed ahead of time.

Motion: to accept Laurie Volk as Chair Elect, by Susan Henderson. Seconded by Jessica Millman.

Vote: Unanimous. Motion Passes.

Discussion: Nominations for Treasurer seat vacated by Laurie Volk. Susan Henderson self-nominates.

Motion: to accept Susan Henderson as incoming Treasurer, by Scot Spencer. Seconded by Jessica Millman.

Vote: Unanimous. Motion Passes.

Discussion: Re-elect Matt Lewis as Secretary.

Motion: to accept Matt Lewis as secretary, by Laurie Volk. Seconded by Scot Spencer.

Vote: Unanimous. Motion Passes.

7. Strategic Plan Discussion—Presented by Lynn Richards

Discussion:

- I. The broad framework will have the long-term goals, but it is the responsibility of the CEO to create action steps from these goals
- II. Leaders could be identified from the movement and sent to places as representatives of the movement, or experts on a particular topic
- III. CNU needs to change the paradigm that the movement from seeming to be about pretty suburbs, and not about disinvested cities
- IV. If we have the capacity to do three things, what are those three things?
- V. The listening sessions are facilitated discussions to flush out the three broad ideas, but the style has not been cemented. Could be “fishbowl” style conversations.

8. Agenda Preview/ Open Discussion —Presented by Eliza

- I. Congress highlight will be out by the end of next week
- II. Scholarship push to go out next week
- III. Emily Talen to send out Fellows email to Fellows asking for scholarship funds

9. Board entered executive session 4:35



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10. Executive Session ended 4:55

Meeting Adjourned at 5:05 PM