

Monday, March 4, 2019

Attendance

Board: Michael Pride (Chair), Laurie Volk (Chair Elect), Susan Henderson (Treasurer), Matt Lewis (Secretary), Lynn Richards (President & CEO), Frank Starkey, Emily Talen, Larry Gould (Chapter Representative), Matt Lambert, Jessica Millman (virtual), David Kim (virtual), Scot Spencer (virtual)

Staff: Abigail Sheridan and Tracy Cooper

Michael Pride, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:16 PM EST. A quorum was present.

Board entered executive session at 1:17 PM EST

Board exited executive session at 2:55 PM EST

Michael Pride, Board Chair, reconvened the meeting at 3:07 PM EST. A quorum was present. Scot Spencer joined the meeting at 3:13 PM EST.

1. **Declaration of Conflict of Interest — Presented by Michael Pride (Chair)**

Discussion: No financial conflicts declared.

1. **President's Report — Presented by Lynn Richards (President & CEO)**

1. **Consent Agenda— Presented by Michael Pride (Chair)**

Motion: To accept the consent agenda, noting the corrections below, by Susan Henderson.
Seconded by Laurie Volk.

Discussion: Corrections to December board minutes:

- Add correct month: December
- Add attendees: Jessica Millman and Frank Starkey
- Remove individuals not present from vote

Board requested that staff compile a revised future board meeting schedule: Fall (Oct) and Winter (Jan). Larry Gould suggested he may be able to host the fall meeting in the Twin Cities.

Vote: All in favor, motion passes.

1. **Nominations & Elections – Presented by Laurie Volk (Chair - Elect)**

Motion: to approve the following Executive Committee slate for 2019: Susan Henderson (Chair Elect), Matt Lambert (Treasurer) and Frank Starkey (Secretary) by Laurie Volk. Seconded by Matt Lewis.

Discussion: The Executive committee offers advice and guidance to Lynn, acts on behalf of the board (when necessary), operates as a working group (ex. Developing the board values and norms), and meets 1-2 hours per month by phone.

Vote: Susan Henderson, Frank Starkey, and Matt Lambert absent from vote. All in favor, motion passes.

Proposal: The Executive Committee recommends that the Board postpone nomination and election of new board members until it sorts out board member cultivation, engagement, and board roles.

Motion: to approve the proposal by Emily Talen. Seconded by Laurie Volk.

Discussion: The board discussed setting a firm deadline for the clarification of board roles and engagement and the selection and onboarding of new members.

Friendly amendment: to add the terms of no more than one year to accomplish the goals by Frank Starkey.

Vote: Motion and friendly amendment passes with 11 votes in favor and one abstention.

Lynn Richards moved to go into Executive Session at 4:05. Laurie Volk seconded. Staff member Abby Sheridan invited to stay.

Frank Starkey moved to come out of Executive Session at 4:31 PM EST. Michael Pride seconded.

Scot Spencer left meeting.

1. **CNU 29 Discussion and Vote**

Presentations: The CNU Board considered CNU 29 host city applicants.

Motion: to approve the host city for CNU 29 by Larry Gould. Seconded by Laurie Volk.

Vote: Motion passes with 10 votes in favor and one abstention.

Motion to adjourn by Susan Henderson. Seconded by Laurie Volk.

Meeting adjourned at 6:03 PM EST.

Tuesday, March 5, 2019

Attendance

Board: Michael Pride (Chair), Laurie Volk (Chair Elect), Susan Henderson (Treasurer), Matt Lewis (Secretary), Lynn Richards (President & CEO), Frank Starkey, Emily Talen, Larry Gould (Chapter Representative), Matt Lambert, Jessica Millman (virtual), David Kim (virtual), and Scot Spencer (virtual).
Staff: Abigail Sheridan and Tracy Cooper

Michael Pride, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:08 AM EST. A quorum was present. Scot Spencer was absent to start the meeting.

1. Declaration of Conflict of Interest — Presented by Michael Pride (Chair)

Discussion: No financial conflicts declared.

1. Board Values Discussion - Presented by Michael Pride (Chair)

Presentation: Operating as a task force, the Executive Committee drafted the board values document for review and discussion.

Motion: to accept the draft board values by Susan Henderson. Seconded by Laurie Volk.

Discussion: The board made the following edits and corrections live in the shared document:

- Correct the title
- Remove the footnote from Larry (LG)
- Add “and the Charter” to “accountability to the movement and commitment to place”
- Change the second “respect” to “while we may disagree”

Next Steps:

- Add the board values as a PDF to the board section on the website

Vote: All in favor, motion passes.

Scott Spencer joined the meeting during this discussion and was present for the vote.

1. Board Self-Evaluation - Presented by Michael Pride (Chair)

Discussion: The board reviewed a sample self-evaluation document shared by Michael Pride and discussed its merits for the current (and future) CNU Board.

A working committee of: Michaele Pride, Matt Lambert and Jessica Millman was identified to review and finalize this document for consideration by the Board in June. Staff member Tracy Cooper to support this committee.

Next Steps:

- 3/12/19 - Tracy converts to Google form
- 3/31/19 - Board responds to Google form
- 6/11/19 - Working group presents to board

David Kim joined the meeting during this discussion.

1. **NUFuture / Strategic Plan Working Session - Presented by Lynn Richards (President & CEO)**

Discussion: The Board reviewed and discussed the Benchmarks presented by Lynn Richards, breaking into small groups to flush out the details for 3 priority areas. The small group discussions focused on: climate, housing, and codes.

(Break Suggested and implemented)

Reconvene at 10:10

1. **Strategic Plan Discussion & Priorities – Presented by Michaele Pride (Chair)**

Discussion: The Board reconvened to present and discuss the small group work on climate, housing, and codes. Notes from each small group discussion were shared with CNU staff and will be incorporated into the draft strategic plan by Lynn Richards, with a goal of sharing a preliminary draft in June and a final publication ready for vote January 2020.

1. **Board Advisory Groups on Operational Plan - Presented by Lynn Richards (President & CEO)**

Discussion: Lynn Richards presented a plan for how CNU staff, board, and Chapters can identify top priorities and work in collaboration to achieve shared goals. Priority areas will be announced at CNU 27.Louisville and Chapters may then begin discussion where and how they can best contribute.

Meeting adjourned at 3:50 PM EST.