

**Congress for the New Urbanism  
Spring 2015 Board Meeting Minutes  
April 29, 2015  
Dallas, TX**

**Attendees:**

**Board:** Scott Bernstein, Bob Chapman, Jack Davis, Chris Elisara, Doug Farr – Chairman of the Board, Eliza Harris, Laura Heery, Jennifer Hurley – Treasurer, Douglas Kelbaugh, Sarah Lewis, John Massengale, Steve Maun, Marcy McInelly – Vice-Chair, Scott Polikov, Russ Preston – Secretary, Lynn Richards –President & CEO, Dan Slone, Lee Sobel, John Torti, Ken Voigt, and Laurie Volk

**Via Videoconference:** Erin Christensen

**Absent:** Norman Garrick

**Staff:** Abby Sheridan, Melinda Martinez, Alex McKeag, and Sam Warlick

Doug Farr, Chairman of the Board called the meeting to order at 12:15 pm. A quorum was present.

1. Approve the Winter 2015 board meeting minutes – presented by Doug Farr, Chairman.

**Motion to approve by Dan Slone. Motion seconded Steve Maun.**

**Discussion:**

Laura Heery questioned the completeness of the notes and requested to see the full discussion.

Dan Slone explained that approved minutes should only show the actions the board has taken. But a board member may request to review the full board notes and discussion. Lynn Richards further explained that board minutes are posted on the website and there has been pushback from other parties who may read them out of context.

**VOTE: Erin Christensen abstained from voting. All in favor, motion was passed.**

2. Approval of items on the consent agenda – presented by Doug Farr, Chairman.

**Item 1: Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report made by Russ Preston. Motion seconded by Sara Lewis.**

**No Discussion.**

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously with no abstentions.**

**Item 2: Motion to accept Lee Sobel, John Torti and Laurie Volk to the CNU Board of Directors made by Bob Chapman. Motion seconded by Scott Bernstein.**

**VOTE: Motion passed unanimously with no abstentions.**

3. Doug Farr proposed that the Nominations and Governance Committee, based on the will of the board, consider a right-sizing plan for the CNU board, to present at the 2015 fall meeting that considers the following:
  - Mindful of Elections – add value
  - Right sizing the board
  - Mindful of the 2 functions – governance and ideas
  - Mindful of equity and diversity
  - Mindful of getting the right people needed on the board

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**Eliza Harris made a motion to accept Doug Farr's proposal to the Nominations & Governance Committee. The motion was formerly seconded.  
VOTE: Motion passed unanimously with no abstentions.**

At 1:34 pm the staff was dismissed and the board went into executive session.