



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Teleconference via Zoom

March 20, 2022

Meeting Minutes

Directors Present: Nikole Allen, Michael Bailkin, Glenn Blumhorst (ex officio), Mary Broude, Evelyn Ganzglass, Kim Herman, Jeffrey Janis, Chip Levengood, Jed Meline, Robert Nolan, Eileen O'Donnell, Mary Owen-Thomas, Gretchen Upholt, Faith Van Gilder, XiNomara Velazquez Yehuda, Albert "Beto" Whitaker

Directors Absent: Katie Long, Rogelio Quintanar, William Reese

Staff Present: Jocelyn Cordell, Andrea Dickerson, Jonathan Pearson, Steven Saum

4:02 p.m. ET meetings begins

CALL TO ORDER – *Kim Herman*

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION 1: The NPCA Board of Directors approves the consent agenda with correction in secretary's draft December minutes that removes mention of PAC motion.

Chip motions. Second by Mary Broude. Motion approved.

President's Report – *Glenn Blumhorst*

- Advocacy is a priority right now, including Peace Corps Reauthorization
- Anne Baker departure from NPCA.
- NPCA is not planning to do an in-person Peace Corps Connect conference. May do virtual town hall
- Working on strategic and operations plans
- Towering Task documentary preparing for distribution thanks to the generosity of last-minute donors. The documentary will be aired this fall on PBS+. More than a million dollars for this project has been raised over the last 7 years
- Open Society grant will be submitted next week
- Currently, we have 250 Shriver Circle members. This is the highest we've had. 90 of them joined this year.

- No update on Peace Corps Place plan. Waiting for permit
- IT specialist is working on Silkstart
- HR - There are several staff transitions
- Board Veritas recommendations may come in the middle of next election cycle
- PAC is in exploratory phase and we are ready to move forward.

MOTION 2: NPCA Board approves creation of a C4 and PAC to support the Peace Corps contingent on the augmentation of the administrative staff to support those organizations and appropriate legal counsel

Elieen moved. Jeffrey seconded. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report and Finance Committee Report – Gretchen Upholt

After a deceptively strong year in FY20 and managing to stay ahead of budget in the first half of FY21 we ended FY21 behind budget and with an operating loss. The surplus in 2020 should have been lower because some of the money – \$250,000 – was incorrectly classified as unrestricted. Even removing that \$250,000 from the equation, we still ran a loss of \$41,088 in FY21, which is below our budgeted surplus of \$116,334.

Fundraising Committee Report – Jeffrey Janis

- The board commitment form will be coming out soon.
- Committee is hoping to bring in someone to talk about planned giving so board members would be able to talk to others about planned giving.

Governance Committee Report – Chip Levensgood

- Nicole will be leaving the board at the next annual general meeting later this year.
- We will need to find 9 new candidates for the board
- Deadline to express interest is April 15. Election will be in two months.

Programs Committee Report – Evelyn Ganzglass

Committee is providing input for the operating plan and strategic plan. Input was limited because of time constraints.

MOTION 3: The board of directors approves the creation of a dashboard of key performance indicators for the 2022 annual plan and delegates the Program Committee to finalize the dashboard.

Moved by Evelyn. Seconded by Nikole. Motion approved.

New Business – Kim Herman

- Program Committee will meet about planning for Peace Corps Connect 2023.
- As NPCA moves toward returning to the office, there will be discussions about policies and protocols.

Executive Session - 6:05 p.m. ET

Motion to adjourn by Mary Owen-Thomas. Seconded by Evelyn.

Adjournment – Kim Herman

Meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m. ET.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Owen-Thomas, Secretary