

# BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

March 9, 2021 Full NCECA Board 7:00PM EST ZOOM

In attendance: NCECA Board members Pete Pinnell (President), Holly Hanessian, Merrie Wright, Mary Cloonan, Alex Hibbitt, Michelle Castro, Lisa Merida-Paytes, Nancy Servis, Simon Levin, Eliza Weber, Lauren Sandler, Marsha Karagheusian, Reena Kashyap, Edith Garcia, Zach Tate, Heidi McKenzie. Ex-officio NCECA board members Chanda Zea, Rhonda Willers, NCECA Staff member Gerald Brown, NCECA Executive Director Josh Green and guest Shoji Satake.

Absent: Eliza Weber, MaPó Kinnord, Brett Binford

7.00pm EST meeting called to order by NCECA President Pete Pinnell. A quorum is present.

#### **Announcements**

- i. Keep an eye out for a survey money this week to approve board reports.
- ii. NCECA privacy policy and conference vendors (Josh)

The virtual conference raises new questions from vendors about data sharing and availability. Josh advised the board that in line with NCECA's existing privacy policy, vFairs will be allowed to share only anonymized data with vendors.

### **Business**

### i. Approval of the Minutes

The board passed the **motion: approve the minutes for February 9th, 2021**. Moved by Alex, seconded by Reena. (12 votes in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention)

The board passed the **motion: approve the minutes for March 2nd, 2021.** Moved by Alex, seconded by Reena.(13 votes in favor)

#### ii. Nominations Committee

The board went into executive session to discuss the Director At Large nominees who were brought forward by the Nominations Committee. After lengthy deliberation, the board ratified three candidates to be presented to the membership for a vote: Andrew Casto, PJ Anderson and Liz Duarte. Note: Proposed election timeline:

Open ballot on March 25, close on April 16, 5pm EDT.

## iii. **Conference updates** (Rhonda)

Rhonda outlined producer and PA session support documents and needs and encourage board members to sign up for slots if possible. She also reminded the board of upcoming vFairs training sessions. Josh asked board members to consider volunteering for booth support. The Ask NCECA booth will be out in the lobby so we anticipate a lot of guestions there.

The board briefly discussed the Proposed Call and Opportunity deadlines for 2022 conference.

# iv. **Community agreements/guidelines for Conference interactions**. (Chanda)

The board discussed how to treat problematic comments and challenging questions during the online conference. There is guidance and support for Producers and Production Assistants who should be prepared for moderating potentially heated discussions and keeping the focus on programming topics. Participants are able to email NCECA with comments and concerns raised.

Meeting adjourned at 9.20 pm EST by NCECA President Pete Pinnell.