

**Full NCECA Board Meeting
 September 2, 2020
 Ring Central**

In attendance: NCECA Board members Pete Pinnell (President), Holly Hanessian, Zach Tate, Merrie Wright, Mary Cloonan, Alex Hibbitt, Michelle Castro, Lisa Merida-Paytes, Nancy Servis, Simon Levin, Eliza Weber, Lauren Sandler, , Brett Binford, Reena Kashyap, Edith Garcia, Ex-officio NCECA board members Chanda Zea, Rhonda Willers and NCECA staff Social Media Curator Gerald Brown, Executive Director Josh Green

Absent: Marsha Karagheusian

7.02pm EDT meeting called to order by NCECA President Pete Pinnell.
 A quorum is present.

Announcements

1. Upcoming meeting reminders & schedule

- a. Sunday, October 4: Annual Members Meeting via zoom
 - i. 3pm EDT/2pm CDT/1pm MDT/ 12pm PDT
- b. Tuesday, October 6: Full Board Meeting, debrief Members Meeting
 - 7pm EDT/6pmCDT/5pm MDT/4pmPDT
- a. Tuesday, October 27: Executive Committee Meets

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- d. Wednesday, October 28 - Thursday, October 29: Full Board Meeting

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Old Business

1. Approve minutes June 9th, Spring Board Meeting (June 15th, 16th 17th 18th), July 14th, 21st, 28th, August 4th (Alex)

The board unanimously approved the **motion: to approve the minutes as submitted by the secretary.** (Motion by Reena Kashyap, Seconded by Brett Binford. 13 votes in favor, 0 abstain, 0 opposed)

2. Process and timeline for advertising and filling new board positions (Merrie)

Calls for fellowships and existing open board nominations have been posted. Due to the need to craft and amend the bylaws language for the two new board positions, the deadline for these will be pushed back and should be posted in early November. The board discussed the importance of keeping members informed about the process of amending the bylaws.

3. Approve Bylaws amendments (Rhonda)

- i. The board unanimously approved the **motion: to approve bylaws language of the new board position of Collaboration and Engagement Director. Article 6.2 vi.** (Motion by Brett Binford, seconded by Simon Levin. 13 votes in favor, 0 abstain, 0 opposed)

(Discussion of this position included their appointment by 2/3 vote of the board, included committee charge, and clarified that article 9.3 describes which positions are included in the executive committee.)

- ii. The board unanimously approved the **motion: to approve the bylaws language of the new board position of Governance, Advocacy, and Policy Director. Article 6.2, vii** (Motion by Brett Binford, seconded by Alex Hibbitt. 13 votes in favor, 0 abstain, 0 opposed.)

The board discussed how we decide if some positions are elected and some are appointed. Those appointed to a particular role need to have the specific skills to be able to fulfill those roles, but it is understandable that the membership may question the new positions on this point. The newly created positions are focused on bringing in underrepresented and diverse members and in the past it has been noted that elections may not be the best way to achieve diversity. All board positions are nominated by and from the membership. Edith reiterated that these are positive organizational changes. Simon reminded the board that it calls into question how we keep the board

representative, and we currently have a section of the membership that feels unrepresented.

- iii. The board unanimously approved the **motion: to amend the bylaws language for the Communications Director. Article 6.2, iii.** (Moved by Brett Binford, seconded by Edith Garcia. 13 votes in favor.)
- iv. The board unanimously approved the **motion: to amend the bylaws language for the executive committee to include the Collaboration and Engagement director and the Governance, Advocacy and policy director. Article 9.3 A.** (Moved by Alex Hibbitt, seconded by Simon Levin, 13 votes in favor.)
- v. The board unanimously approved the **motion: to amend the bylaws language for the Article 9.3 D (Nominations and Awards Committee) to include the Collaboration and Engagement Director and Governance, Advocacy and Policy Director.**
(Moved by Simon Levin, seconded by Holly Hanessian. 13 votes in favor.)
- vi. The board unanimously approved the **motion: to Approve bylaws language for the standing committee, Communications Committee, Article 9.3 G.**
(Moved by Holly Hanessian, seconded by Edith Garcia. 13 votes in favor)

This is listed in the guide but not as a standing committee and needs to be, it will have a diverse membership that can shift depending on the needs of the committee.

- vii. The board unanimously approved the **motion: to approve bylaws language for the standing committee, Collaboration and Engagement Committee, Article 9.3 H.** (Moved by Holly Hanessian, seconded by Brett Binford. 13 votes in favor)

A new committee is needed based on the collaboration and engagement position. It is important to build partnerships and work through the whole year. The committee needs to have flexible membership and this mandates some representation on the committee from outside the board.

Rhonda introduced the bylaws language and changes.

4. President-Elect update (Merrie)

The call for applications for president elect positions is closed. There is one applicant for consideration. The nominee must be approved by the board.

5. Updates from committees

a. 2021 Conference Programming Committee (National Clay Week)

Edith gave an overview of possible programming ideas for national Clay week. Preliminary ideas feature daily posts highlighting NCECA opportunities, preexisting new content and member information.

b. 2021 Conference Exhibition/Satellite Events (Brett)

The Committee has been identifying what folks will miss by not being at the conference, expo hall, research, experience, shopping, exhibitions, meetups. They have been asking how to think about synchronous and asynchronous content and strive for uniformity in documentation so that the quality of documentation can be good quality and in the same format and the importance of accessibility. They have reached out to some producers to get some quotes for documentation to see if there are ways to facilitate groups virtually visiting exhibitions being able to talk to each other. How do we make the experience feel different to a basic zoom call? They are focusing on the 3 sponsored exhibitions for enhanced visit experiences- awards ceremonies etc.

c. Annual Members Meeting (Alex)

The board discussed the preparations and content of the upcoming annual member's meeting.

d. Partnership with The Color Network (Rhonda)

A full discussion with the color network about potential partnerships and possibilities is ongoing. We will need to define what a productive and reciprocal partnership can look like for both parties. Discussion: include mentorship, leveraging NCECA's reach. We need to define what NCECA is offering and how we can elevate or support The Color Network.

FOLLOW-UP: Discussion at October Board Meeting

e. Communications (Edith)

Gerald and Edith have been creating a working methodology for the communications team. They have been looking at the communications policy and have a communications schedule calendar through to October. They are anticipating the annual members meeting and announcement for the conference, cup sale and Clay Week. They have been working on community guidelines policy for social media. There is a new emerging artists Instagram policy for participants to sign.

f. 2021 Contract Negotiations: Duke Energy Center & Hotels (Josh)

Josh briefed the board on his contact with the director of the conference center in Cincinnati in relation to gathering information about cancellation deadlines and costs. They have been informed that NCECA would be interested in returning to Cincinnati in 2025. NCECA's lawyer will oversee correspondence with conference center and hotels. We may not have all the information about costs until March.

g. Green Task Force

Chanda Zea will join Zach as a co-liaison with The Green Task Force. The Task Force are anxious to send out a survey to the membership which will be announced to the membership at the Annual Meeting. A trial version of the survey has been sent to the whole board for feedback and testing.

The meeting was adjourned by Pete Pinnell at 8.56pm EDT.