

November 29, 2022
Full NCECA Board
Zoom

In attendance: NCECA Board members Rhonda Willers (President), Pete Pinnell, Chanda Zea, Ife Williams, Heidi McKenzie, PJ Anderson, Michelle Castro, Cal Cullen, Rick Rogers, ex officio board members Adam Chau, Angelique Scott and Shoji Satake, NCECA Staff Executive Director Josh Green

Absent: MaPó Kinnord, Alex Hibbitt, Pam Kravetz, Dina Perlasca, Brett Binford.
Jeff Vick joined at 5.45, Simon Levin joined at 6.26pm

5.08pm EST meeting called to order by NCECA President Rhonda Willers

Announcements

Rhonda invited everyone to take a moment to honor Student Director at Large Jen Gordon by lighting a candle as an act of intentional remembrance during the meeting. Ife attended a memorial gathering for Jen last week and shared that folks can make small things to add to the collective celebration of and remembrance for Jen as part of a memorial wall in the Western Carolina University studio. As Ife lives close by, she offered to take things there from board members. Josh will make a donation on behalf of NCECA to the scholarship fund that Jen had been supporting there.

November Richmond Updates

Cal gave a quick update from Cincinnati. Exhibitions are placed and they are working on the *Windows of NCECA* project. Cincinnati will celebrate ceramics throughout the entire month of March. Everything is falling into place.
Rhonda shared future meeting dates.

Business

All Motions were moved to a Survey Monkey Ballot to the lack of a quorum.

Rhonda introduced the motions:

1. **Motion:** Approve Stacy Larson's appointment to serve as SDAL from now until March 2024. Moved by Rick, seconded by Pete.

Wishing to fill the SDAL board role left vacant after Jen's passing, Rhonda and Josh reached out to Stacy Larson, one of the previously board ratified SDAL candidates from this year's board election. Ife and Rhonda talked to Stacy before Thanksgiving and she is happy to take on this role and has a lot of administrative experience. She will begin working with Dina right away on ongoing Student-focused projects.

2. Youth Educator Seed Fellowship (Pete & Josh)

- a) **Motion:** To dedicate the Youth Educators Seed Fellowship to Anne W. & Bill Bracker by renaming the fellowship: The Anne W. & Bill Bracker Youth Educator Seed Fellowship. Pete moved, Rick second (survey monkey vote to be sent)

Josh gave some background to the motion. Anne has been an incredible supporter of NCECA and is a generous donor who has always focused on supporting scholarships for high school educators and students from the conference region. She is our single largest donor of recent times. Josh felt that when this fellowship was established, naming it after Anne and her late husband Bill would be a great way to honor them. Their daughter Cindy has also contributed significantly to NCECA, as a board member and a member at large through the years. There was brief discussion, and unanimous support for the dedication. Motion to follow through survey monkey.

- b) **2023 Applications** (Pete).

The board went into executive session, moved by Pete, seconded by Rick.

The board discussed the awarding of the Youth Educator's seed fellowship

The board left executive session, moved by Pete, seconded by Chanda.

3. Awards & Fellowships Committee recommendations (Pete)

Pete introduced the nominations for Fellowships from the Awards and Fellowships Committee. Award nominations have not yet been submitted to the committee. Discussion focused on the number of awards given in the categories of Undergraduate and Graduate and budget decisions and implications going forward. The committee requested to fund an extra 2 Multicultural Fellowships this year, and Josh confirmed that the budget allows him to reallocate some funds for these this year. Pete suggested writing a better description for the Multicultural Fellowships to aid the application and committee processes.

Motions: (to be voted on in Survey Monkey. Moved by PJ, Seconded by Pete)

- a. **Motion:** These three applicants, as recommended by the Awards & Fellowships Committee, for the **Regina Brown Undergraduate Student Fellowship**, be given that fellowship with the requested funding amounts:

Lucia Rose Suniga, Devishi Seth, and Loren Vladem

- b. **Motion:** These three applicants, as recommended by the Awards & Fellowships Committee, for the **Graduate Student Fellowship**, be given that fellowship with the requested funding amounts.

CJ Carter, Chelsea McMaster, and Ana Buitrago

- c. **Motion:** One applicant, as recommended by the Awards & Fellowships Committee, for the **NCECA Environmental Sustainability Fellowship**, be given that fellowship with the requested funding amount.

Rose Schreiber-Stainthorp

- d. **Motion:** One applicant, as recommended by the Awards & Fellowships Committee, for the **Helene Zucker Seeman Fellowship for Women**, be given that fellowship with the requested funding amount.

Sara Morris

- e. **Motion:** These 22 applicants for **NCECA Multicultural Fellowships**, as recommended by the Awards & Fellowships Committee, be given this fellowship. The recommended applicants are:

Anne Adams, Johnnie Bess, Jess Cheng, Andrea Garcia, Robyn Gibson, Maria Rita Gudino, Tomo Ingalls, Christine Jung, Sepideh Kalani, Issisa Komada-John, Jeremy Myles, Cassandra Scanlon, Jenisa Tubby, Ross Junior Owusu, Fatemeh Tajaddod, Teddy Osei, Janette Torres, Jason Wang, Matilda Ayerki Awaitey, Alisha Porter, Taiyaba Ahmed and Mohamed Soudy.

4. Financial Update (Helen)

The November quarterly Finance Committee meeting was canceled due to illness at Morgan Stanley so the Finance Committee meeting will be rescheduled. The 31st October financials were to be reviewed and as this posting date is early in our registration process, there is not a great deal of income from conference registration booked yet.

Starting with the balance sheet, Helen led the board through the financial summary. The investment portfolio had been losing dollars due to the market, and investments were under \$3,000,000, but in October, we had a gain of \$143,000 to the investment portfolio, bringing it to \$2,890,451. More recent gains of close to \$150,000 suggest that investments should soon be back to just over \$3,000,000. Other assets are not substantial and include office equipment that is not fully depreciated and security deposits for upcoming conferences. Deferred revenue at the end of November (from the Richmond conference) is close to \$160,000, and we hope to reduce this to zero after the Richmond conference as folks use this to cover their new conference registrations. Capital includes all restricted and non-restricted funds. Net income as of the 31st October includes \$100,000 more in conference revenue, and hopefully around another \$150,000 from the portfolio. The next Portfolio report will be posted on December 10th. Helen went over the flash report (a simplified income statement). Compiled October 31st, it summarizes revenue and expenses Year To Date, and outlines the annual budget, the variance, and last year's income and spending. A lot of donations have been coming in this month and are currently over \$10,000. Revenue was \$91,000 at the end of October and we have booked another \$50,000 in expenses between conference expenses and program general. With the recent investments gains it is possible that NCECA may soon be able to post a \$0.00 loss. Jeff joined the meeting.

Helen shared the registration numbers for Cincinnati 2023, which are at around 278, similar to Minneapolis at this date. (In-person numbers for Sacramento at this date were 149.) The advertising income to date is \$48,400. There are still 2 months to buy inserts and push notifications. There was no bag sponsorship sold.

There was brief discussion of changes to board fundraising processes for this year, and gratitude from the board for both Josh and the sponsors he worked with who donated tools and equipment for giveaways on social media connected with member giving. Rhonda encouraged the board to use their social media feeds to repost information about NCECA's "Giving Tuesday" and fundraising.

5. Award Nominations for 2023: (Rhonda)

The board went into Executive Session moved by Pete, seconded by lfe

Rhonda updated the board on the Awards nominations process and led them in some discussion of potential awardees. Information will be forwarded to the Awards and Fellowships committee. The awards are as follows:

- Honorary Member
- Outstanding Achievement Award
- Excellence in Teaching
- Fellows of the Council

The board left executive session, moved by Pete, seconded by Rick.

6.25pm EST Meeting adjourned by NCECA President Rhonda Willers