

July 20, 2021
NCECA Board Meeting - Full Board
ZOOM Virtual Meeting

In attendance: NCECA Board members Pete Pinnell (President), Alex Hibbitt, , Rhonda Willers, Edith Garcia, Reena Kashyap, MaPó Kinnord, Chanda Zea, PJ Anderson, Dina Perlasca, Jeff Vick, Michelle Castro, Nancy Servis, Simon Levin, Lauren Sandler, Ray Gonzales, Ex Officio board member Shoji Satake, Executive Director Josh Green, NCECA Staff Gerald Brown, Dori Nielson, and Allyson Hoffelmeyer.

Absent: Merrie Wright, Heidi McKenzie, Brett Binford

7.03 pm EDT session called to order by NCECA President Pete Pinnell.
A quorum is present.

The Board approved the minutes from the Spring Board Meeting by unanimous consent

New Business

- i. **Programs Committee schedule and recommendations** (Chanda
 - a. The board unanimously adopted the **motion: to approve the 2022 Sacramento Planning Schedule as presented and empower the Programs Director and conference management staff to begin preparing agreements and solidifying the program (with the understanding that they may make changes as necessary in response to presenter decisions.)** (Moved by Chanda, Seconded by Alex. 14 votes in favor.)

The board expressed great appreciation for the hard work of Chanda and the Programming Committee, which met five times over the last two weeks to put together the programming schedule for 2022. The committee consists of six board members plus two invited non-board members (Zach Myers and Nicole Ham). The committee has worked to ensure we have diverse and global presenters and presentations and continues to work on filling in gaps through outreach to potential presenters. New for this year is regional programming that will begin on Wednesday afternoon. The addition of keynotes on Thursday and Friday which will be scheduled with no conflicting programming. The board discussed the possibility of releasing some prerecorded content leading up to the conference and the challenges and opportunities offered by the hybrid model.

- b. The Board unanimously adopted the **motion: to approve the presented roster of potential Keynote Speakers and Demonstrating Artists and empower the Programs Director and conference management staff to move forward with contacting speakers and artists and begin negotiating contracts.** (Moved by Chanda, Seconded by Alex. 14 votes in favor).

Chanda gave an overview of the potential Keynote Speakers and Demonstrating artists compiled by board and programming committee and their rationale. Each day will host a keynote speaker. The committee focused particularly on speakers working on food justice. Work will continue to solidify both Keynote and Demonstrating Artists.

(Jeff and Simon left the meeting)

- c. The Board unanimously adopted the **motion: to approve the 2021 Fall Symposium: Cultivating Community as outlined and empower the Programs Director and staff to move forward with planning and execution.** (Moved by Chanda, seconded by Michelle. 12 votes in favor)

A small group has been planning for a fall symposium which will take place during Clay Week. It will include student led programming, sustainability programming led by the Green Task Force, training by Fran Sepler (sustaining respectful workplace cultures) and on Saturday, other programming in conjunction with the 92Y. There will also be a lead into Sacramento. Clay week begins on Sunday with the annual members meeting, includes pre recorded content Monday through Wednesday, and the symposium will be from Thursday to Sunday. A subcommittee of the board is working with CMI and VES to determine a platform and costs for the autumn symposium and 2022 conference.. There is a tentative budget, but we will need to wait to get quotes from VES before we have firm figures.

The symposium will be offered free of charge to the public, with a donation suggestion link for those who wish to donate.

The board briefly discussed Fran Sepler's training and the importance of clarity in the language used to frame the session, as well as the importance of events such as the fall symposium in building community.

The board went into Executive session moved by Alex, seconded by Ray)

ii. **Vote on the 2023 OSCL**

The board confirmed an onsite conference liaison for 2023

motion to come out of Executive session (moved by Alex, seconded by Reena)

iii. **Reminder - promo material needed for member's meeting** (Edith)

Edith gave the board guidelines and a timeline for short introduction videos to be used as part of the Fall Event/October Members Meeting campaign. All board and staff are asked to record these.

In the upcoming weeks, we will be reaching out to Board Members to discuss pre-recording longer 2-minute videos to be played before the Members Meeting and Open Forum.

The committee are working on the members meeting presentation roster and will be contacting board members who will pre record reports and updates for the meeting itself very soon.

iv. **C&E Committee update and Vision Statement (Lauren)**

The Collaboration and Engagement committee have been meeting to discuss the vision and goals of the committee. They are looking at Programming ideas, long term goals and will do an introduction for members to the committee at the October Members meeting. The committee is working on creating relationships with our community and expanding access to the conference as well as extending NCECA's reach beyond the annual conference.

Motion to adjourn the meeting early moved by Ray, seconded by Reena, passed by unanimous consent at 8.21 pm EDT by NCECA President Pete Pinnell

Respectfully submitted by Alex Hibbitt, July 31st 2021,
With Thanks to Allyson Hoffelmeyer for taking meeting notes.