

March 23, 2021
Full NCECA Board
7:00PM EDT

In attendance: NCECA Board members Pete Pinnell (President), Merrie Wright, Alex Hibbitt, Michelle Castro, Nancy Servis, Simon Levin, Eliza Weber, Lauren Sandler, Reena Kayshap, Heidi McKenzie, Zach Tate, Edith Garcia, Rhonda Willers, MaPó Kinnord, Brett Binford, Chanda Zea, Ray Gonzales, Jeff Vick, Ex-officio NCECA board members Shoji Satake, Holly Hanessian, Marsha Karagheusian, Mary Cloonan, NCECA Staff Gerald Brown, Allyson Hoffelmeyer, Tammy Lynn and NCECA Executive Director Josh Green.

Absent: Lisa Merida-Paytes,

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

Welcome new board members

Announcements

- i. Thanks to all for their work to make the conference such a success.
- ii. Reminder for the DAL & SDAL elections: All NCECA members will receive an electronic ballot via Survey Monkey. The election ballot will open on March 25 and will close at 5:00pm Eastern on April 16.

Business

- i. **Open discussion of the virtual Conference.** what was challenging - what was rewarding (Roses and Thorns, Rhonda)

The staff and board shared their personal experiences of the first virtual conference. Roses included; the high level of competency and collaboration amongst board and staff, the excitement and positivity expressed by many members, the rewarding nature of building momentum through messaging and outreach, the quality of the programming, accessibility, and global reach, the quality of the plenary speakers, the way that the emerging artists were able to interact more closely with each other and became a group, the leadership and dedication of the executive director and the potential for an expanded vision for NCECA.

Thorns included; multiple problems with basic platform functionality aspects that could have been better foreseen, bandwidth issues that caused tech problems with video playback, the lack of control over the platform itself, low attendance at booths and exhibitions (how do we build better support for exhibitions and vendors?), the issue of a virtual conference where participants are multitasking attendance with their everyday life commitments and more generally the loss of the in-person experience, the learning curve and workload for board and staff, lower attendance of the membership.

A reminder that folks who purchased a registration for live conference days only will be able to upgrade to year-round status and access by paying membership. Advise contacts to reach out to office@nceca.net or support@nceca.net to make upgrades.

A reminder to put comments about the virtual conference in the feedback documents on Jamboard and spreadsheets.

ii. Programming for 2022 conference, Sacramento (Chanda)

- a. The Board passed the **motion: To confirm the ad hoc committee to write the programming call for the 2022 Sacramento conference.** Moved by Chanda, seconded by MaPó. (13 votes in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions).

Suggested committee makeup: Heidi, Nancy, Lauren, Edith, Rhonda, Josh, Chanda, MaPó, Kate, Members at large Hideo Mabuchi, Adam Chau.

The board discussed the timeline and procedure for the call for programming for 2022, which has been delayed due to the huge task of putting on the 2021 conference. The programming call for Sacramento needs crafting to advance NCECA's vision and mission. There was some concern about extending the timeline, which would mean that programming could not be discussed at the Spring board meeting. The board discussed the success of the daily themes and how to move forward for 2022 and 2023

- b. The Board Tabled the **Motion: to allow the Programs Director to bring program proposal recommendations to the full board for review and approval after the spring board meeting.** (Rhonda moves, Alex seconds)

(In light of the success of the virtual conference to create greater accessibility and global connections the program proposal process needs to be reviewed to support a hybrid conference model. This motion is needed because NCECA bylaws 6.2 - A.i. specifics that: "...The Programs Director shall solicit program proposals from the membership and shall organize them for review at the spring Board Meeting....")

- c. The Board Tabled the **Motion to allow the President to appoint an ad hoc committee to organize and perform the preliminary review of the programming submissions and forward recommendations to the full board for final approval.** (Chanda moves, Rhonda seconds)

Meeting adjourned at 10.10 pm EDT by NCECA President Pete Pinnell