

**National Peace Corps Association
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Teleconference
June 5, 2017**

Directors Present: Randolph Adams, J. Henry (Hank) Ambrose, Tony Barclay, Glenn Blumhorst (*ex officio*), Jayne Booker, Janet Greig, Corey Griffin, Angela Harris, Mary Owen, Susan Senecah, Maricarmen Smith-Martinez, Linda Stingl, Joby Taylor

Directors Absent with Apology: Sandra Bunch, Patrick Fine, Marjorie Harrison, Kathleen Long, Tai Sunnanon

Staff and Fellows Present: J.M. Ascienzo (Government Relations), Anne Baker (Vice President), Juliana Essen (Impact), David Fields (Analyst and Special Projects), Jonathan Pearson (Advocacy), Amanda Silva (Community Fund and Partnerships), Kate Schwanhausser (Membership and Events)

Call to Order – *Joby Taylor, Board Chair*

The Board Chair called the Meeting to order at 8:05 PM Eastern Time. A quorum was present.

Minutes Review – *The motion by Randy Adams to approve the March 4, 2017 minutes as published in the Board Book was seconded and carried.*

The motion by Hank Ambrose to approve the March 27, 2017 minutes as published in the Board Book was seconded and carried.

Interim Action by the Executive Committee – *Joby Taylor, Board Chair*

As provided in NPCA Policy 2015014M, the Executive Committee approved four applications for group affiliation.

EXCOM ACTION 1 – March 27, 2017

Resolved: that the Executive Committee of the NPCA Board of Directors approves the application of the **Peace Corps Alliance for Intercultural Understanding** as an NPCA Affiliate Group.

The motion by Taylor was seconded and carried.

EXCOM ACTION 2 – April 24, 2017

Resolved: that the Executive Committee of the NPCA Board of Directors approves the application of the **Partnering for Peace – Friends of Peace Corps and Rotary** as an NPCA Affiliate Group.

The motion by Taylor was seconded and carried.

EXCOM ACTION 3 – April 24, 2017

Resolved: that the Executive Committee of the NPCA Board of Directors approves the application of the **RPCVs and Friends @ Labor** as an NPCA Affiliate Group.

The motion by Taylor was seconded and carried.

EXCOM ACTION 4 – April 24, 2017

Resolved: that the Executive Committee of the NPCA Board of Directors approves the application of the **Returned Peace Corps Volunteer Association of Utah** as an NPCA Affiliate Group.

The motion by Taylor was seconded and carried.

President's Report – Glenn Blumhorst, NPCA President and CEO

NPCA's principal priorities during the second quarter of 2017 included the following:

- District-focused advocacy for Peace Corps and International Affairs budgets
- Planning and development of Peace Corps Connect
- Implementation of field-based awareness and fundraising events
- Continued onboarding of Affiliate Groups to SilkStart
- Elections for member-elected directors and interviews of board-elected directors.

Kate Schwanhauser, our Memberships and Events Coordinator, is leaving us to take a position focused solely on events, which is well-suited to her career goal. She will be missed.

Treasurer/Finance Committee Report – Glenn Blumhorst, President

Glenn reported on the written report as submitted by the treasurer, Patrick Fine, who could not attend the meeting. Year to date performance shows that both revenues and expenses are under budget, reflecting a net operating loss, although the endowment funds are doing well.

Shortfalls in revenues fall in advertising, corporate support and grants. Next Step Travel and Cultural Agility Leadership Lab are bringing in funds.

The net operating loss year to date is a source of financial stress. Board members should promote memberships, Mission Partnerships, registration for Peace Corps Connect, and Next Step Travel trips to help boost revenues.

The audit field work is now complete. The Finance Committee will review the draft of the audit report once available.

Governance Committee Report – Hank Ambrose, Chair

Elections close today for three member-elected seats (all uncontested). Expected to be elected when the polls close at midnight are Thomas L. Potter (Southern Tier division), Keith Beck (West division) and Jed Meline (Asia and the Pacific division).

Interviews are underway for the board-elected positions: three three-year positions and one one-year position (due to a resignation). The committee will determine a slate of officers to recommend to the board at its July meeting.

Policy and Advocacy Committee Report – Sue Senecah, Chair

Sue referred to the written report as submitted for updates on legislation and appropriations. Staff are focusing efforts on the #ProtectPeaceCorps campaign and are

pursuing a grant opportunity for capacity building support at the affiliate group level. Discussion ensued on whether NPCA should seek renewal of its consultancy status with the U.N. and to degree to which NPCA should endorse/advocate/take action in response to affiliate group requests on global issues. The committee welcomes input from board members as it considers these questions.

Peace Corps Connect and NPCA Events Task Force Report – *Glenn Blumhorst, Ex-Officio*

This task force will need to convene in the next quarter to consider planning for Peace Corps Connect 2018.

Awards Advisory Committee Report – *Tony Barclay, Chair*

The Wofford and Shriver Award winners have been selected and announced. Nomination for the Ruppe Award and the Advocate of the Year award are still be solicited.

Business and Development Committee Report – *Joby Taylor, Board Chair*

Members of the B&D Committee are focusing efforts on donor-appreciation and friend-raising. They will begin seeking commitments from board directors on their Board Member Action Plans. The committee is considering a name change to the Fundraising Committee.

Community Fund Steering Committee Report – *Glenn Blumhorst, Ex-Officio*

This committee is still in formation and is seeking a chair. The committee has not yet met.

Membership Committee Report – *Joby Taylor, Acting Chair*

This committee is basically on hold awaiting further recommendations from the Governance Committee.

Executive Session – *Joby Taylor, Board Chair*

Adjournment – *Joby Taylor, Board Chair*

It was moved, seconded and carried that the meeting be adjourned at 9:45 PM Eastern Time.

*Jayne Booker, Secretary
NPCA Board of Directors*