



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Teleconference via Zoom

June 21, 2021

Meeting Minutes

Directors Present: Nikole Allen, Glenn Blumhorst (*ex officio*), Mary Broude, Evelyn Ganzglass, Kim Herman, Jeffrey Janis, Chip Levengood, Katie Long, Jed Meline, Robert Nolan, Mary Owen-Thomas, Rogelio Quintanar, Maricarmen Smith-Martinez, Gretchen Upholt, Faith Van Gilder, Albert Whitaker, Hannah Wishart

Directors Absent: Corey Griffin

Staff Present: Anne Baker, Dan Baker, Valerie Kurka, Bethany Leech, Arianna Richard, Steven Saum

Guests Present: Judyth Wier

CALL TO ORDER – *Maricarmen Smith-Martinez*

The Board Chair called the Meeting to order at 8:03 PM Eastern time. A quorum was present.

CONSENT AGENDA

- MOTION: The Board of Directors approves the meeting agenda as presented.
- MOTION: The Board of Directors approves the minutes of the March 22, 2021 meeting as presented.
- MOTION: The Board of Directors acknowledges the interim actions as presented.

AGNAC ACTION 1 – April 20, 2021:

Resolved: That the Affiliate Group Network Advisory Committee of the NPCA Board of Directors approves the application of **The Friends of Moldova** as an Affiliate Group of National Peace Corps Association.

The motion by Nikole Allen was approved.

AGNAC ACTION 2 – May 21, 2021:

Resolved: That the Affiliate Group Network Advisory Committee of the NPCA Board of Directors approves the application of **Global Allies Program: Partners Ending Poverty with RESULTS** as an Affiliate Group of National Peace Corps Association.

The motion by Evelyn Ganzglass was approved.

MOTION 1: The NPCA Board of Directors approves the consent agenda as presented.

Motion by Chip Levengood, seconded by Kim Herman. Motion passed.

President's Report – Glenn Blumhorst

NPCA's principal priorities since the March 22 board meeting included the following:

- House and Senate Dear Colleague letters for Peace Corps FY 2022 funding
- Senate companion bill for Garamendi's HR 1456 Peace Corps Reauthorization
- Planning the 60th anniversary Peace Corps Connect conference for September
- Financial reporting back on schedule and undertaking field audit of 2020 reports
- Planning and implementing financial capacity building activities

Treasurer's Report – Gretchen Upholt

- A loss was expected in March, but we are instead running a surplus. Gifts of \$100,000 helped us achieve this positive position.
- Shout-out to Anne Baker and Lollie Commodore for getting monthly reports to Finance Committee.
- Big unknown is Peace Corps Connect and related costs.
- We are looking at re-forecasting the FY21 budget.

Fundraising Committee Report – Jeffrey Janis

- Board members are encouraged to donate the amount that they would have spent on traveling to the September board meeting.
- Thank you to Board Directors for submitting their Board Action Plans. Almost everyone turned them in. Robert and Jeffrey will follow up.

Governance Committee Report – Chip Levengood

- Seeking to replace Board Chair and Vice Chair positions next term.
- For the upcoming Member-elected Director elections, Nikole Allen is switching divisions and will be a candidate for the Europe/North and East African division. We have another candidate for the Northeast division board seat. Evelyn Ganzglass will be running for re-election in the MidAtlantic & Nationwide division.
- Holding a candidate town hall session late this month.

Affiliate Group Network Advisory Committee Report – *Hannah Wishart*

- Worked on revision of the reaffiliation process with Anne and team and doing all we can to encourage affiliate groups to re-up themselves.
- We have proposed a social media plan to engage affiliate groups in sharing their service projects for Peace Corps' 60th anniversary.
- Two new affiliate groups have come on board: The Friends of Moldova and Global Allies Program: Partners Ending Poverty with RESULTS.

Programs Committee – *Evelyn Ganzglass*

- This new committee met a couple times to discuss charge and setting priorities.

New Business – *Maricarmen Smith-Martinez*

**Kim Herman moved, Evelyn Ganzglass seconded to move into executive session.
Passed unanimously.**

Executive Session – *Maricarmen Smith-Martinez***Adjournment** – *Maricarmen Smith-Martinez*

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 PM Eastern.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Owen-Thomas, Secretary