



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Teleconference via Zoom

September 26, 2021

Meeting Minutes

Directors Present: Nikole Allen, Michael Bailkin (incoming), Glenn Blumhorst (ex officio), Mary Broude, Evelyn Ganzglass, Kim Herman, Jeffrey Janis, Chip Levengood, Katie Long, Jed Meline, Robert Nolan, Eileen O'Donnell (incoming), Mary Owen-Thomas, Rogelio Quintanar, William Reese (incoming), Maricarmen Smith-Martinez, Gretchen Upholt, Faith Van Gilder, XiNomara Velazquez Yehuda (incoming), Albert "Beto" Whitaker, Hannah Wishart

Directors Absent: Corey Griffin

Staff Present: Anne Baker, Dan Baker, Jodi Hammer, Valerie Kurka, Bethany Leech, Jonathan Pearson, Arianna Richard, Steven Saum, Judyth Wier

Guests: Kate Schachter

CALL TO ORDER – *Maricarmen Smith-Martinez*

The Board Chair called the Meeting to order at 3:03 pm Eastern time. A quorum was present.

CONSENT AGENDA

The board chair added a motion to the consent agenda to recognize the dedication and hard work of so many to organize the 2021 Peace Corps Connect virtual conference.

- MOTION: The Board of Directors approves the meeting agenda as presented.
- MOTION: The Board of Directors approves the minutes of the June 21, 2021 meeting as presented.
- MOTION: The Board of Directors extends its deep appreciation to NPCA staff and volunteers for their outstanding work in organizing and executing the 2021 Peace Corps Connect conference.

MOTION 1: The NPCA Board of Directors approves the consent agenda as amended by the chair.

Gretchen Upholt moved, Chip Levengood seconded. Motion passed.

Governance Committee Report - Part 1 – Chip Levengood

2020 Member-elected Director Elections

The Governance Committee welcomes the following Member-elected Directors, elected by the constituents during the June to July 2021 voting period for a three-year term from 2021-2024.

They are hereby seated as voting members of the Board:

- Eileen Love O'Donnell (Yemen 1995-1995) - Northeast U.S. Division
- Evelyn Ganzglass (Somalia 1966-1968) - MidAtlantic and Nationwide U.S. Division
- Nikole Allen (Ethiopia 2009-2013) - Europe/North and East Africa Division

Board-Elected Directors Nominations and Elections

MOTION 2: The Governance Committee nominates the following as Board-elected Directors for the three-year term 2021-2024 to begin immediately upon their election and to continue until their successors are seated.

- *Mike Bailkin (India 1963-1965)*
- *William “Bill” Reese (Brazil 1971-1974; PC/Brazil Staff 1974-1979; PCHQ Staff 1979-1981)*
- *Xinomara Velazquez Yehuda (Costa Rica 1993-1995)*

Motion passed unanimously.

Recognition of Directors whose terms have been completed

MOTION 3: The NPCA Board of Directors resolves that we acknowledge and express our appreciation for the commitment and service of the following Directors whose terms are now completed. We further recommend that they be offered Board Emeritus status.

- *Corey Griffin – Board-Elected (2015-2021)*
- *Dan Baker – Board-Elected (2018-2020)*
- *Maricarmen Smith-Martinez – Affiliate Group Network Coordinator (2014-2018); Board-Elected (2018-2021)*
- *Rhett Power – Board-Elected (2017-2021)*

Motion passed unanimously.

Officer Nominations and Elections

MOTION 4: The Governance Committee nominates the following as officers of the Board of Directors for a one-year term (2021–2022) to begin immediately upon their election and to continue until their successors are seated:

- *Chair: Kim Herman (Member-elected Director - West since 2020)*
- *Vice-Chair: Jed Meline (Member-elected Director - Asia and the Pacific since 2017)*
- *Secretary: Mary Owen-Thomas (Member-elected Director - Upper Midwest since September 2016)*
- *Treasurer: Gretchen Upholt (Board-elected Director since June 2019)*

Motion passed unanimously.

President's Report – Glenn Blumhorst

NPCA's principal priorities since the June 21 board meeting included the following:

- House of Representatives FY 2022 appropriation (\$430 million) for Peace Corps
- Senate companion bill for Garamendi's HR 1456 Peace Corps Reauthorization
- OpEds and Letters to the Editor published for Peace Corps's 60th anniversary
- Planning and hosting the 60th anniversary Peace Corps Connect conference
- Completing the 2020 audit and IRS Form 990
- Implementing financial capacity building activities, with focus on staffing

Treasurer's Report – Gretchen Upholt

MOTION 5: The NPCA Board of Directors approves the FY2020 audit as presented.

Motion passed.

Fundraising Committee Report – Jeffrey Janis**Governance Committee Report - Part 2 – Chip Levengood****Programs Committee Report – Evelyn Ganzglass****Affiliate Group Network Advisory Committee Report – Hannah Wishart****New Business – Kim Herman**

Executive Session – *Kim Herman*

Adjournment – *Kim Herman*

Motion for adjournment by Eileen O'Donnell, seconded by William Reese.

Meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m. Eastern.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Owen-Thomas, Secretary