

EEANM Board Meeting Minutes
January, 21, 2010

Present (physically and phone): Maceo Carrillo Martinet, Kimi Scherer, Christy Tafoya, Barbara Garrity, Jeremy Philipp, Becky Kerr, Donna Grein, Amy Landers, Stephanie Bestelmeyer

Absent: Steve Blake, Elizabeth Barriga

A. Action Items

1. Secretary

Jeremy P. and Donna G. agreed to serve as co-secretaries until October 2010 when Jeremy's board term expires. Amy L. made a motion, Kimi S. seconded, and the motion was passed.

2. Bylaw Changes

- a) Two issues needed to be discussed: 1) need to add another board member for tie-breaker and 2) for the board's ability to add another board member should one have unexcused absences for three consecutive meetings.
- b) Discussion: there is competition to serve on the board and it is important for board members to attend meetings for a variety of reasons. Kimi had two issues with the term "unexcused" and not to use that term but use "at the board's discretion".
- c) Kimi S. made a motion to make the following changes in the bylaws, Stephanie seconded, and the motion was passed.

*Section 5.02 **Board of Directors.** The President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and seven (7) Board Members at Large shall constitute the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall have general supervision of the Corporation as prescribed by these bylaws. Each of the Members at Large shall participate in one of the standing committees. (For standing committees see Article VI Section 6.02.)*

*Section 5.09 **Members to the Board.** Nine Members at Large shall be elected by the general membership. Two Members at Large shall be appointment by the Board of Directors, one per alternative year. Each Member at Large shall take office at the conclusion of the annual meeting and serve for two (2) years). An individual may serve up to three consecutive terms, and then have a break in service for at least one year.*

*Section 5.10 **Vacancies** in the Board of Directors shall be filled by appointment by the remaining directors at their discretion for the*

remainder of the term. The Board may also, at its discretion, remove and replace any director who has absences from three (3) consecutive regularly scheduled meetings.

- d) Prior to the next board meeting, February 25, 2010, at the BioPark, there needs to be an approval of the bylaws by the general membership. Barbara G. will send out the announcement.

B. Discussion Items

1. State Legislature Update

- a) Christy T. reported that in HB3, the LESC put in \$100K for the Outdoor Classroom Program. This will mean that State Parks can appropriate funds to other outside agencies. Need support so please spread the word to email the importance of this to the LESC. The hearing is on Monday, January 25th at 8:30am.
- b) Barbara G. reported that she met a second time with Senator Cisco McSorley to discuss funding for EEANM, this time at a meeting arranged by the senator, with Environment Cabinet Secretary Ron Curry. They discussed the work of EEANM and possible funding sources through the State Environment Department, including setting up a trust fund for EE, and having opportunities to access some of the “fine” money that is collected from environmental law-breakers.
- c) The City of Albuquerque us a supporter of the Outdoor Classroom Program and signed on to the Coalition’s No Child Left Inside website.
- d) On February 17th, there is a \$2.5M bond referendum to raise taxes for improvements at the Sandia Natural History Centre and expand environmental education. Vote YES!

2. Annual Conference Update

- a) Kimi S. reported that 10-12 people attended the latest conference committee meeting.
- b) Kimi is the conference chair for this year. Subcommittees were established along with people to chair so please be sure to sign up for a subcommittee.
- c) There will be a walk-through of the conference site (Cleveland High School in Rio Rancho) and the official conference date (a Friday and Saturday around the middle of October) will be set by mid-February.
- d) Made about \$2K from last year’s conference.
- e) Need to find out whether conference committee members get their conference fees *comped*.

3. Treasurer’s Report

- a) Amy L. submitted a treasurer’s report (see attached documents).
- b) Need to align the fiscal year cycle with grant cycles.
- c) Look at the possibility of converting some of the money in savings to a CD.
- d) Amy wants to spend time drafting an annual budget, working grants into it, etc. before investigating the possibility of a CD.

e) Her goal is to take care of the basics first before investment.

f) *Action item: Establish online banking.*

4. Taxes

a) Amy L. reported that, according to an IRS checklist, Barbara G. is starting to look more like an employee than an independent contractor.

b) Amy will supply information for the board regarding this issue.

c) *This will be a discussion item for the next meeting.*

5. EE Certification Meeting

a) Barbara G. said that there were two kick-off meetings this week.

b) Two subcommittees were formed: administration and operations.

c) The committee will do research and pull information together.

d) The goal is to draft a plan for EE certification.

e) Received \$10K in funding for this effort.

f) What organization will be the umbrella for administration of the EE certification? EEANM? Universities? Partnerships?

6. Environmental Literacy Update

Barbara G. reported that she is still waiting on a \$75K EPA grant decision so no report.

C. Announcements

Nothing was added.

D. Future Meeting Location

February 25th, 2010, from 2:00pm to 4:00pm at the BioPark.

E. Meeting Adjournment

Motion was made, seconded, and passed that the meeting adjourn at 3:55pm.