

Board of Directors Meeting 4/15/2020, 6:30-8:30p

Field Naturalist & Ecological Planning Program Alumni Association

Skype link: <https://join.skype.com/P8LOVAkx1iPA>

In Attendance: Sean Beckett, Hannah Phillips, Lauren Sopher, Meredith Naughton, Jeffrey Hughes, Deane Wang, Tate Bushell

6:30p - Field Notes update (Tate/Lauren/Sean)

Need to track down physical addresses for Campus Mail folks. **Sean sent list to Jeff.**

6:45p - New Cohort Support (Jeff, Meredith)

-FNEPAA board invited to Jeff's cabin for welcome weekend. **Date?**

-Sonia working on field guide to the FN program. FNEPAA board and Jeff will review a draft before it goes to new students. Make sure that mentorship program is included in that.

-Wish to have a welcome BBQ/Potluck for new students that is also an alumni gathering (i.e. Oakledge pavilion). One day on the weekend. August.

- Fall gathering?
 - 8/21 First day of UVM classes
 - Orientation - in August - after orientation.

7:00p - Symposium update (Hannah)

- Confirm 2021 dates at Eagle Hill
 - May 28-30, 2021 (Fri-Sun)
 - We're committed to this date. HP will check up w/ Eagle Hill and HOC.
 - Hannah will get deposit \$ back from HOC.
 - Hannah will pursue whether we need deposit down at Eagle Hill.
 - 5/22/21 UVM Grad Commencement (but there's no FNEP graduation)
- Confirm 2022 dates at HOC
 - Can move us to June 3-5, 2022; may be a slight increase in fees.
 - UVM Grad Commencement: 5/20/22

7:15p - Remote programming for alumni?

- Marvin presentations for current students?
- Webinar presentation of alumni work across the country/world
 - Once a week webinar
 - Send to Sonia the Google Meet Enterprise details and figure out whether NBNC or UVM will be best fit for the hosting institution.

Once a week webinar series through June. 30 minutes plus Q&A. Your most interesting/pertinent work re: FNEP program? Your biggest unresolved challenge?
Initial Brainstorm of presenters:

- Meredith McDonough McKenzie
- Meredith Noughton
- Jeff Collins (MA, Audubon, Ecology Extension Service)
- Tess O'Sullivan (ID, ranch management?)
- Jessie Griffen / Levi Old / Matt Cahill
- Marvins: Grace/Meredith/Eric (put up the Marvin webinars)
- Neagha Leonard
- Kerstin Lange
- Katherine Hale
- Patrick McCarthy (NM) or Dave Campbell
- Liz Brownlee (IN) (Writing for Field Notes)
- Emily Stone (WI)
- Brooke Wilkerson (Norway)

7:45p - eNewsletter

- Cancel the symposium, announce dates/plans for 2021/2022 - Hannah
- Webinar launch - Hannah & Lauren
- Announcing new cohort (JH's profile of incoming students) - Sean
- Expect field notes, call for address changes - Tate
- Anecdotes about how our work is changing right now - Meredith?

Shoot for May 1st announcement?

Mailchimp Draft - Lauren

Mailchimp Proof - Sean

8:00p - Fundraising update (Hannah)

HP briefed us on plan for quarterly meetings to develop a fundraising plan of attack over the course of 2020. **JH and HP will follow up** with phone call.

8:15p - What else?

- Mentoring program update? Tate
- Expanding Board of Directors to 9?
 - Tate will do some vetting and put together initial list of candidates
 - Skills: Fundraising, Geographics (i.e. out west)

Next meeting Agenda:

Candidates for board members