

FNEPAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 6/16/2021

Subject:	Quarterly Meeting	Date:	6/16/2021
Facilitator:	Hannah	Time:	6:30-830
Note Taker:	Sean	Location:	interwebs
Attendees:	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3932902841		
Present:			

Agenda & Notes

No.	Item	Time
	<p>Reviewing any business <u>from last meeting?</u></p> <p>Board welcomed Walter and provided an overview of board activities over the last couple of years.</p> <p>No review of previous meeting notes needed at this time.</p>	10
	<p>Administrative Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Board composition, structure, roles/responsibilities ● Meeting structure, leadership ● Changes needed to <u>bylaws</u>? <p>Discussed changes to bylaws to clarify points around leadership structure, voting, and payment authorization. Discussed options for succession in anticipation of Hannah's departure from the role of chair later this year. Changes suggested in track changes of Bylaws document for approval via email by board, and vote by members in upcoming enews.</p>	30
	<p>Newsletter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Update on upcoming newsletter ○ Add membership approval for by-law changes <p>Discussed additional newsletter content needed, including save the dates and voting to approve bylaw changes.</p>	15
	<p>Gatherings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Set date for September 2021 new student gathering? (To align with orientation). <p>August 12-13-14 is orientation weekend for new students, followed by botany intensive course for next couple of weeks. FNEPAA would like to offer new students a welcome and a "mental health briefing" at the orientation, similar to last year.</p>	20

	<p>FNEPAA would like to arrange a welcome potluck for new students and a welcome back for current cohort. Mid September is ideal for this, aiming for <i>after</i> field finals are complete, but before students are into the thick of the semester. September 10th is ideal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Symposium 2022: May 27-29 (Memorial Day Weekend) • Point person to take over communication with Joerg? He is already interested to start discussing some logistics. <p>Tate will take over communication with Joerg. May 27-29 2022 agreed upon as ideal date for symposium.</p>	
	Review and approve minutes from July, April, February 2020 minutes and April 2021 minutes	10
	<p>Program Updates?</p> <p>Updates provided by Walter on current happenings at UVM, including redesign of Fundamentals of Field Ecology course following a new “module” structure (such as Professional Leadership/Communication, pollinators, geology, natural history collections, etc.). Also discussed changes in leadership at CALS and campus-wide restructuring. This may include possibility of changing FN degree from MS to a Professional Science Masters, and implications of this with regard to instruction from practitioners and applied skills.</p>	

Action Items				
No.	Action Item(s)	Owner	Target Date	Status
	Review and approve by email all the minutes	All		
	Make edits to bylaws in track changes. Include those changes in eNews	Sean		
	Add to newsletter: Welcome walter / Thanks meredith Bylaws changes Eagle Hill Symposium “Save the Date” (May 27 - 29) Field Notes ‘21 Announcement (LS added this)	Lauren		
	Take over communications with Joerg	Tate		
	Schedule a September 10 potluck	Sean and Walter		

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