

# FNEPAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING January 30 2024

<b>Subject:</b>	Quarterly Meeting	<b>Date:</b>	1/30/2024
<b>Facilitator:</b>	Sean	<b>Time:</b>	7:00 - 8:30 pm
<b>Note Taker:</b>		<b>Location:</b>	The Internet
<b>Attendees:</b>	<a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3932902841">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3932902841</a>		
<b>Present:</b>			

## Agenda & Notes

No.	Item	Time
	<p>Updates and Check-ins</p> <p>Approve and review minutes from last meeting</p>	7:00
	<p>Updates on FNEPAA activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Alumni Networks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ FN Major Giving Campaign - Sean/Walt <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Willard working with Kathleen F, Francie T, Mike T, preparing for prospecting for major donors to help land initial foundational gifts before public launch of campaign</li> <li>● AA can begin collecting case statements/alumni stories! Info and marketing examples from Wils at UVM Foundation at bottom of document. Hannah and Deane can begin after we regroup with Willard on Feb 9.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Alumni Database - Laura <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Mostly updated now with jobs of recent grads.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Virtual Naturalist meetings - Grace <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Feb 16 and March 15, Noon to 1</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Stickers and "Merch" - Laura <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Kelly Finan has provided her artwork in exchange for membership. We can now create greeting / TY cards for major donors.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>● Student Support <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Porky Fund Grants - Carolyn <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Students have been sent RFP to request grant funds, ideally by April 1.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Current Student Update - Dave <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 1st Years recently presented "mini-Marvins" related to collections.</li> <li>■ All first years are now matched with projects. Hannah, Bob Z, Meredith all sponsoring projects.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>● Symposium - Sean <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ @ Meach Cove Farms <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Discuss schedule with Dave/students. Need to get specific feedback about what would be appropriate in terms of a graduation reception hosted by alumni.</li> <li>■ Plan is for a Saturday Evening reception of some sort at SF, then an all-day "BioBlitz" of Meach Cove Farms on Sunday, concluding with a dinner on Sunday evening.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	7:15

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ May 11-12</li> <li>○ Next Year: West Coast?</li> <li>● Communications - Sean <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Upcoming eNews. Topics? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Virtual naturalists</li> <li>■ Current student update</li> <li>■ Matching challenge success</li> <li>■ Alumni stories solicitation</li> <li>■ Save the date for May 11/12</li> <li>■ NENHC carpooling</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Options for increasing alumni communications? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Can Sonia do some of this? She's now officially an Outreach Specialist at UVM.</li> <li>■ Can Sonia plug into coordinating alumni too per Evan's request?</li> <li>■ Pay current students to do this?</li> <li>■ Recombining FNEP and FNEPAA IG accounts? Talk with Sonia</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
	<p>Evan Horne (current student) teaching request of FNEPAA Workshops, specifically</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Grant writing and fundraising <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Kristen Sharpless</li> <li>b. Nancy Olmstead</li> <li>c. Lauren Sopher</li> <li>d. NSF (Jill)</li> <li>e. Bryan Pfeiffer</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Wetland Delineation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Charlotte Brodie</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. Understanding NEPA and other regulations (preparing/writing these documents) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. NEPA workshop done last year by Chris Brooks. Envi Attorney at VLS.</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. Real Estate and Land Transactions (Easements, etc.) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Shelby Perry</li> <li>b. Gannon (Land Protection Specialist; "alumni adjacent")</li> </ol> </li> <li>5. How to lead community workshops <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Nancy Bell?</li> </ol> </li> <li>6. How to evaluate ecosystem services</li> <li>7. Climatology and weather</li> </ol> <p>Time slots arranged by 2nd year cohorts, with assistance from Sonia DeYoung.</p>	7:45
	Other Items?	

### Action Items

No.	Action Item(s)	Owner	Target Date	Status
	Jill and Dave connect around gear for current students			
	Dave and Evan work with Sean on arranging alumni “special topics” instructors			
	Grace to host Virtual Naturalist Hangouts			