



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

January 20, 2022

Location: Virtual

6:00 p.m.

Unofficial Summary

- Approved the Meeting Minutes from the November 13, 2021 Board meeting
- Approved the updated Finance Committee Roster
- Approved the 2022 youth representatives
- Approved the 2022-2024 officer nominations
- Approved \$15,000 towards the solar project at the Tacoma Program Center

Attendance

Officers:

President – Vik Sahney (Zoom)
Vice President – Gabe Aeschliman (Zoom)
Treasurer – Don Heck (Zoom)
Secretary – Roger Mellem (Zoom)
VP of Branches – Peter Hendrickson (Zoom)
VP of Outdoor Centers – Carry Porter (Zoom)

Jerry Logan – Kitsap (Zoom)
Brad Near – Seattle (Zoom)
Maura Rendes – Bellingham (Zoom)
Matt Vadnal – Everett (Zoom)

Board Members Absent:

Mark Kroese (Zoom)

Directors at Large:

Serene Chen (Zoom)
Rich Johnston (Zoom)
Brynne Koscianski (Zoom)
Takeo Kuraishi (Zoom)
Maya Magarati (Zoom)
Steve McClure (Zoom)
John Ohlson (Zoom)
Manisha Powar (Zoom)
Alex Pratt (Zoom)
Paul Stevenson (Zoom)
Anita Wilkins (Zoom)
Siana Wong (Zoom)

Staff:

*Tom Vogl CEO (Zoom)
*Tom Helleberg Publisher (Zoom)
*Amber Carrigan Director of Development (Zoom)
*Kristina Ciari Director of Communications and Membership (Zoom)
*Becca Polglase Director of Programs & Operations (Zoom)
*Betsy Robblee Conservation & Advocacy Director (Zoom)
*Barbara Sprecher Controller (Zoom)
*Brienne Vanderlinden Deputy Director of
Development & Strategic Engagement (Zoom)

Guests & non-voting members:

*Serophina Ouyoumjian Incoming Youth
Representative (Zoom)
*Katie Strauz-Clark Incoming Youth Representative (Zoom)
*Bill Ashby Immediate Past Chair, Seattle Branch (Zoom)

Branch Directors:

James Henderson – Foothills (Zoom)
Mark Kerr – Tacoma (Zoom)
Mike Kretzler – Olympia (Zoom)

* non-voting attendee



Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Board President Vik Sahney via a remote Zoom call. President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, VP of Branches, and VP of Outdoor Centers were in attendance. A quorum was established and was maintained throughout the meeting.

Agenda:

Vik Sahney shared the proposed agenda, which was adopted by the Board without objection.

Consent Agenda:

Vik Sahney shared the consent agenda:

- Approve the Meeting Minutes from the November 13, 2021 Board meeting
- Approve the updated Finance Committee roster

The consent agenda was approved without objection.

Committee and Staff reports:

- Barbara Sprecher updated the Board on the FY 2022 first quarter financial results. Highlights included a strong cash balance and positive variances for the youth programs, Books, and development.
- Tom Helleberg provided an update on the FY 2022 first quarter of Mountaineers Books and shared information about the new Books titles and recent book awards.
- Amber Carrigan reviewed Development's areas of strength for the FY 2022 first quarter and the results of the 2021 year end campaign. She also provided an extensive overview of plans for the 2022 Gala and asked all Board members to help with recruiting guests, supporting the auction, and asking for gifts.

Old Business:

- At 7:07 p.m. Vik Sahney moved that the Board enter executive session. The motion was adopted without objection.
 - The Board moved out of executive session at 7:24 p.m.
- Tom Vogl updated the Board on the status of updating our strategic plan. The key takeaways from the November Board retreat were to create a 10+ year Mountaineers Strategy and a separate Implementation Plan for a shorter time period. Proposed next steps include drafting a vision statement and other updated language, forming a strategy steering committee and working groups, and developing operations implementation plans. Bri Vanderlinden walked through the planning timeline and milestones, as well as Board next steps.
- Tom introduced the proposed Board youth representative program and reminded the Board of the need to complete the Qualified Youth Leader training.
 - Peter Hendrickson moved to approve Serophina Ouyoumjian & Katie Strauz-Clark as the 2022 youth representatives. The motion passed without objection.



New Business:

- Gabe Aeschliman introduced the 2022-2024 Board officer nominations.
 - Roger Mellem moved to approve the 2022-2024 officer nominations. The motion passed without objection.
- Tom Vogl shared an update on the Carbon Footprint Reduction Committee's activities, including the Tacoma Program Center Net Zero project. He asked the Board approve a request for \$15,000 to complete the project.
 - Peter Hendrickson moved to approve \$15,000 towards the Phase III PV solar project at the Tacoma Program Center, to be funded from Board Designated Reserves (Snoqualmie Proceeds). John Ohlson moved to amend the motion to allow the funding source to be determined by the Executive Committee, after investigation of the intended use of the Snoqualmie Proceeds. The amendment and amended motion passed without objection.
- Maya Magarati and Betsy Robblee updated the Board on the process of developing a land acknowledgment statement for The Mountaineers.

Announcements:

- January 21 – Virtual 2021 Volunteer Appreciation Night
- February 23 – Banff Peak Society Reception
- February 24 – Banff Film Festival – Night #2
- March 5 – Spring Board Retreat
- March 17 – Virtual Town Hall: State of the Organization
- March 25 – Gala Online Auction Opens
- March 25 – Deadline for Gala Ticket Sales and Table Guests
- April – The Mountaineers Gala

Good of the Order:

25 of 26 Board members were present.

Adjournment:

Vik Sahney moved to adjourn the meeting. Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Submitted by
Roger Mellem, Board Secretary
Betsy Robblee, Conservation & Advocacy Director
Approved by The Mountaineers Board of Directors 3/5/2022