



# Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

January 19, 2023, 6 p.m.  
Location: Seattle Program Center

## Unofficial Summary

- Approved October 2022 Board of Director meeting minutes
- Approved November 2022 Board of Director meeting minutes
- Appointed Vanessa Wheeler to fill the vacant at-large director position
- Approved the new strategic plan

## Attendance

### Officers

Gabe Aeschliman President  
Manisha Powar Vice President  
Paul Stevenson Treasurer  
Carry Porter Secretary  
James Henderson VP of Branches  
Matt Simerson VP of Outdoor Centers

### Directors at Large

Serene Chen  
Rich Johnston  
Brynne Koscianski  
Takeo Kuraishi  
Maya Magarati  
Roger Mellem  
Alex Pratt  
Sam Sanders  
Anita Wilkins  
Siana Wong

### Branch Directors

Mark Goodro Kitsap Branch Director  
Mark Kerr Tacoma Branch Director  
Mike Kretzler Olympia Branch Director  
Tim Schafermeyer Bellingham Branch Director  
Matt Vadnal Everett Branch Director

### Non-Voting Board Members\*

Katie Strauz-Clark Youth Representative

### Board Members Absent

Vik Sahney Past President  
Brad Near Seattle Branch Director  
Amanda Piro Director at Large  
Serophina Ouyoumjian Youth Representative  
Foothills Branch Director - vacant

### Staff\*

Tom Vogl CEO  
Tom Helleberg Publisher  
Mckenzie Campbell Davies Annual Giving Manager  
Rich Heine Director of Finance & Administration  
Casey Kuglar Development Associate  
Becca Polglase Director of Programs & Operations  
Betsy Robblee Conservation & Advocacy Director  
Steve Tremble Associate Director of Development  
Brienne Vanderlinden Director of Development  
Alfe Wood Associate Director of Development

### Guests\*

Richard Levenson  
John Ohlson  
Vanessa Wheeler  
Peter Hendrickson

\*non-voting attendees

## Minutes

### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. by Board President Gabe Aeschliman.

President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, VP of Branches, and VP of Outdoor Centers were in attendance. 21 of 24 voting Board members were present. A quorum was established and was maintained throughout the meeting.

### Agenda

Gabe Aeschliman shared the proposed agenda.

- ★ Matt Simerson moved to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded and passed without objection.

### Consent Agenda

Gabe Aeschliman shared the consent agenda.

- ★ Alex Pratt moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded. It was noted that the November 2022 board meeting minutes should note Rich Johnston being in attendance. The consent agenda passed with this correction.

### Committee & Staff Reports

Finance: Rich Heine presented on YYD financial results.

Books: Tom Helleberg presented on Q1 financial results for Mountaineers Books.

Governance: Roger Mellem introduced Vanessa Wheeler as a candidate to fill the vacant at-large director role.

- ★ Matt Simerson made a motion to appoint Vanessa Wheeler as an at-large director. The motion was seconded and approved without objection.

### Old Business

Strategic Plan Refresh & Approval: Tom Vogl presented on the final strategic plan.

- ★ Brynne Koscianski moved to approve the strategic plan. The motion was seconded and approved without objection.

### New Business

SPC Lease and LTBF Background: Tom Vogl and John Ohlson presented regarding the Seattle Program Center lease and possible lease extension.

### Committee & Staff Reports (continued)

Development: Bri Vanderlinden presented on development activities.

Conservation & Advocacy Committee: Betsy Robblee and Roger Mellem presented on conservation and advocacy work.

### **Announcements**

01/28/23: Volunteer Appreciation Night  
02/02/23: Walking the Wild lecture  
02/09/23 and 02/10/23: Mountaineers gear grabs  
03/01/23: 52 Ways to Nature book reading/signing  
03/11/23: Spring Board Retreat  
04/01/23: Annual Gala  
04.20/23: Walking the Wild lecture

### **Good of the Order**

Maya shared pictures of the Nepal Hikers gathering at Meany Lodge.  
Serene called attention to additional E&I tools/courses available to the board and members.

### **Adjournment**

Without objection, Gabe Aeschliman adjourned the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

Submitted by Carry Porter, Board Secretary  
Approved by The Mountaineers Board of Directors <TBD>