



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

March 11, 2023, 2:15 pm
Location: Tacoma Program Center

Unofficial Summary

- Approved January 2023 minutes
- Updated the Litigation Committee Roster
- Updated the Governance Committee Roster
- Updated the Compensation Committee Roster
- Ratified the Everett and Seattle Branch Charters
- Recognized Phil Henderson as an honorary member of The Mountaineers
- Approved funding for campaign feasibility/strategy, additional staff, and website improvements
- Approved the extension of the deadline for the branches/lodges to spend their reserves

Attendance

Officers

Gabe Aeschliman President
Manisha Powar Vice President
Carry Porter Secretary
James Henderson VP of Branches
Roger Mellem VP of Governance

Directors at Large

Serene Chen
Rich Johnston
Takeo Kuraishi
Maya Magarati

Samantha Sanders
Siana Wong
Anita Wilkins
Vanessa Wheeler

Branch Directors

Mike Kretzler Olympia Branch Director
Liz McNett Crowl Foothills Branch Director
Mark Goodro Kitsap Branch Director

Brad Near Seattle Branch Director
Matt Vadnal Everett Branch Director
Tim Schafermeyer Bellingham Branch Director

Board Members Absent

Paul Stevenson Treasurer
Matt Simerson VP of Outdoor Centers
Brynne Koscianski Director at Large
Amanda Piro Director at Large
Alex Pratt Director at Large
Maura Rendes Bellingham Branch Director
Serophina Ouyoumjian Youth Representative
Katie Strausz-Clark Youth Representative

Staff*

Tom Vogl CEO
Tom Helleberg Publisher
Rich Heine
Brienne Vanderlinden Director of Development
Alfe Wood Associate Director of Development

*non-voting attendees

Minutes

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:15 p.m. by Board President Gabe Aeschliman via a remote Zoom call.

President, Vice President, Secretary, VP of Branches, and VP of Governance were in attendance. 19 of 25 voting Board members were present. A quorum was established and was maintained throughout the meeting.

Agenda

Gabe Aeschliman shared the proposed agenda. Mark Kretzler moved to approve the agenda. The Motion was seconded and adopted by the Board without objection.

Consent Agenda

Gabe Aeschliman shared the consent agenda:

- ★ Manisha Powar moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded and passed without objection.

Old Business

Executive Session:

- ★ At 2:20 pm, Roger Mellem moved that the Board enter executive session. The motion was seconded and passed without objection. Tom Vogl remained as a guest. The Board moved out of executive session at 2:40 pm.

New Business

Topic: Tom Vogl presented regarding investment in and progress on implementing strategic plan initiatives.

- ★ Roger Mellem moved to spend \$123k towards incremental operating expenses in FY23 for the purposes of campaign feasibility/strategy (\$50k), teaching spaces (\$48k), and website improvements (\$25k). The motion was seconded and passed without objection.

Topic: Tom Vogl presented regarding branch reserves.

- ★ Anita Wilkins moved to extend the deadline for the branches to spend their reserves, as defined in the board resolution approved on January 21, 2016, an additional two years to September 30, 2025. The motion was seconded and passed without objection.

Announcements

- 4/1/23 Annual Gala
- 4/20/23 Walking the Wild: Backpack the Idaho Sawtooth
- 4/27/23 State of the Org Presentation (Zoom)
- 5/18/23 Board Meeting
- 6/15/23 Outdoor Alliance Board Retreat - Community Reception

Good of the Order

- The board is encouraged to share the strategic plan widely inside and outside The Mountaineers.
- Seattle Branch hit 10,000 members.
- Please reach out to Maya if you have a lead on a 35' trailer to transport a canoe.
- The Gala has sold out!
- The Mountain Workshops and after school programs need volunteers (especially belayers).

Adjournment

Without objection, Gabe Aeschliman adjourned the meeting at 3:30 pm.

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