



# Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

August 17, 2023

Location: Seattle Program Center

## Unofficial Summary

- Approved May 2023 Board of Director meeting minutes
- Approved an increase in the number of at-large directors to 13
- Endorsed 5 candidates for election as at-large directors in the upcoming election
- Allocated \$15,000 from Stevens Lodge reserves to pay for painting the lodge exterior

## Attendance

### Officers

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

### Directors at Large

Serene Chen  
Rich Johnston  
Takeo Kuraishi  
Maya Magarati  
Alex Pratt  
Sam Sanders  
Anita Wilkins

### Branch Directors

Mike Kretzler Olympia Branch Director  
Liz McNett Crowl Foothills Branch Director  
Ramki Pitchuiyer Everett Branch Director  
Tim Schafermeyer Bellingham Branch Director

### Board Members Absent

Matt Simerson VP of Outdoor Centers

Brynne Koscianski Director at Large  
Amanda Piro Director at Large  
Vanessa Wheeler Director at Large  
Siana Wong Director at Large  
Mark Goodro Kitsap Branch Director  
Mark Kerr Tacoma Branch Director  
Brad Near Seattle Branch Director  
Katie Strauz-Clark Youth Representative

### Staff\*

Tom Vogl CEO  
Tom Helleberg Publisher  
Kristina Ciari Director of Membership & Communications  
Rich Heine Director of Finance & Administration  
Becca Polglase Director of Programs & Operations  
Betsy Roblee Conservation & Advocacy Director  
Rose Steller Burke Assoc Director of Donor Events & Partnerships  
Brienne Vanderlinden Director of Development  
Alfe Wood Assoc Director of Development

### Guests\*

Peter Hendrickson  
Dave Foong New At-Large Nominee  
Mark Walters New At-Large Nominee  
\*non-voting attendees

## Minutes

### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Board President Gabe Aeschliman.

President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, VP of Branches, and VP of Governance were in attendance. 17 of 25 voting Board members were present. A quorum was established and was maintained throughout the meeting.

Serene Chen moved to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded and passed without objection.

### Consent Agenda

Gabe Aeschliman shared the consent agenda:

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

### Financial Overview

Finance: Rich Heine presented on YTD financial results.

Books: Tom Helleberg presented regarding Mountaineers Books releases.

### New Business

Nominations of At-Large Directors: Roger Mellem presented regarding the Governance Committee's recommendations for board-endorsed at-large board of director nominees.

- ★ Ramki Pitchuiyer moved to 1) increase the number of at-large directors to 13 and 2) for the board to endorse Maya Magarati, Vanessa Wheeler, Dave Foong, Mark Walters, and Robert White for election in September 2023. The motion was seconded and passed without objection.

Membership & Pricing Structure: Kristina Ciari & Bri Vanderlinden presented regarding membership pricing increases and donor structure.

Executive Session:

- ★ At 7:09 pm, Anita Wilkins moved that the Board enter executive session with Tom Vogl to remain as a guest. The Board moved out of executive session at 7:19 pm.

Stevens Lodge – Painting Expense: Tom Vogl presented regarding Stevens Lodge exterior painting needs.

- ★ Takeo Kuraishi moved to allocate \$15,000 from unrestricted funds to repaint the Stevens Lodge. The motion was seconded. Serene Chen moved to amend the motion to pay the \$15,000 from Stevens Lodge reserves. The amendment was seconded and passed without objection. The motion as amended passed without objection.

## Adventure with Purpose Updates

Becca Polglase, Bri Vanderlinden, Kristina Ciari, and Betsy Roblee presented regarding Mountaineers efforts to implement our strategic plan - Lead, Engage, and Advocate.

## Staff and Committee Updates

Risk Management Committee: Alex Pratt presented regarding insurance coverage and development of Mountaineers "risk statement."

FY24 Budget: Tom Vogl presented on development of FY24 budget.

## Announcements

Sept 1-22 | Board Elections

Sept 21 | An Evening of Advocacy

Oct 10 | Board Deep Dive on FY24 Budget

Oct 19 | Board Meeting

Oct - Nov | Board Thank You Cards to Donors

Oct 25 | Annual Meeting

Nov - Dec | Board and Staff Member Thank You Calls (no asks - just gratitude)

Nov 9 | BeWild: Graham Zimmerman

Nov 10-12 | Fall Board Retreat: Baker Lodge

## Adjournment

Without objection, Gabe Aeschliman adjourned the meeting at 8:18 pm.

Submitted by Carry Porter, Board Secretary

Approved by The Mountaineers Board of Directors <TBD>