



Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

September 15, 2017

Shanty Creek Resort

Bellaire, MI

Present: Greg Alimenti, Mark Coleman, Clyde Dugan, Jaime Fleming, Christine Spitzley, Amy Vail, Joe VanderStel, John Willemin, Mike Williams

Absent: Bill Fritz, Ken McDonough

Guest: Jaime Fleming

Staff: Bonnifer Ballard, Eric Johnson, and Ariel Veneziano

The meeting was called to order at 12:04 pm.

Spitzley welcomed everyone.

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Vail moved with support to approve the agenda as amended. Motion approved unanimously.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report

Williams confirmed that everyone present signed and returned the Conflict of Interest forms. Ballard emailed the form to Bill Fritz and Ken McDonough to submit by the end of September. He plans to put together a proposal to the Board for a plan to balance the budget and grow revenue. Willemin asked that Ballard send the business plan in its current state to the Finance Committee for use in their deliberations on the 2018 budget. Vail asked that staff find a way to communicate about finances to the membership going forward.

Chair's Report

Spitzley reviewed the Board roster and asked that any updates either be made directly on the individual's profile on the website or sent to staff to make the changes. She also reviewed the Trustee Liaison assignments and confirmed council chairs as follows:

- Communications: Brian Steglitz, Chair -- Aaron Uranga, Trustee Liaison
- Conference and Recognition: Jaime Fleming -- Greg Alimenti, Trustee Liaison
- Education and Training: Bob Miller -- Joe VanderStel, Trustee Liaison
- Government Affairs: Molly Maciejewski, Chair -- Clyde Dugan, Trustee Liaison
- Membership: Tina Pawlak, Chair -- Ken McDonough, Trustee Liaison
- TNC: Matt Parks, Chair -- Amy Vail, Trustee Liaison

Spitzley introduced the purpose of the Consent Agenda and asked Dugan to review how to properly use the Consent Agenda, reminding everyone that approving the Consent Agenda is giving express consent of any action denoted in those items included on the Consent Agenda.

Board Activities

Spitzley introduced the Board calendar for the coming year and asked for input on the changes proposed to the typical schedule. There was concern about the time allowed in each board meeting to get the business of the Section done. There was also some discussion about maintaining the Board dinner at the beginning of the conference. It was agreed that they would try the schedule.

Privelege of Floor

Fleming asked for feedback on the conference. Board provided her with input on the various aspects of the Conference. She invited the Board to email her their thoughts and feedback as it occurs to them over the coming days and weeks.

Dugan mentioned that promoting the value proposition to utilities may positively impact revenue. He also would like to discuss ways to get more money from utilities. It may be a packaging or messaging issue. He suggested that the Section needs to engage more top management. This will be discussed more at the January Board Meeting.

Dugan referred back to the DEQ Drinking Water Director's presentation that mentioned the geothermal wells being built in Lansing. These are not regulated and the Section may want to work with DEQ on establishing regulations on geothermal initiative. It was suggested that the Groundwater Conference include sessions on PFAs and geothermal intiaitives in Michigan.

Meeting adjourned at 12:44 pm