

Erie County Environmental Education Institute

Board Meeting Draft Agenda Tuesday, December 2, 2014 12:00pm to 1:30 Community Foundation, Larkinville

I. Roll Call Justin B., Kristen K., Lynda S., Rick S., Jay B, Loren S, Cara M., Dan Avilan (intern), Terry Y, Ryan M., Andy G., Robert K. Lindsay A., Art W (via the phone), Rebekah W.

II. Alliance Organizational Issues

- Approval of Agenda and previous board meeting minutes. Lynda moves to accept the agenda minutes, Jay seconds. The motion passed.
- **Treasurers Report**—budget update (AW & KK) Pre-congress there was a balance of \$8,683 in our account, \$4500 is allocated for strategic planning. Of the \$2500 allocated for legal expenses \$500 has been paid.
- **Membership Report** (Loren) Community Power for Health and Justice and Concerned Residents of Portland, NY were recommended as members. Loren moves to accept, Terry seconds, all approved. A review of organizations that are defunct or non-responsive likely should occur. We might also consider having a better virtual board meeting mechanism.
- **Board Nominations and Orientation** (RW)- rolling into the new board members into a second orientation of the board.
- **Congress Review and Post Mortem**-
 - Jay wasn't pleased with the Sustainable Business Association (Rich Products) but appreciated the work that went into it
 - Lynda was impressed with people who came- someone suggested the speaker go first and then be able to eat and chat with each other (Bob concurs)
 - Ryan pointed out last time more networking was suggested but this time may have overshot that
 - Terry pointed out that more local collaboration is helpful
 - Cara thought that it was a great space and there was a great attendance
 - Daniel's message was really great on how to build a bigger environmental group. Ballots- formal election process with a ballot? Andy felt the piece of paper was wasteful- Rick suggested an electronic ballot sent out beforehand.
 - Jay thinks Rebekah has done a great job- would like more people to become involved in working groups to become even better candidates.
 - Lynda brought up how to engage members better and how much programming/events we should be doing. Jay suggests maybe a committee would be good for this.

III. In Depth Briefing/Discussion—Issue Specific

- **Outer Harbor Advocacy Strategy** (Lynda)- possibility of presenting a new vision for the ECHDC to work off of- to provide talking points that everyone can reference moving forward. Press conference to present this vision. After power mapping session “they” have all the formal power and we have all the people power. The Common Council has become an ally by supporting our stance. Linking a petition to the GROW site- Kristen to create a comprehensive webpage. Also present an informational meeting on this issue. **Move to adopt the Proposed Revision Principles (Lynda) and Bob seconds**- all in favor- no opposed.
 - Discussion on who should be involved in the Outer Harbor campaigning group.
 - Bob suggestion that the progress by the task force group shouldn't be hindered by formal rules- motion- **To authorize the group that's been working on this matter to proceed as long as they provide 24 hours notice before any public**

VII. Adjournment