



**WESTERN NEW YORK ENVIRONMENTAL ALLIANCE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES**

DATE TIME: *September 24, 2013 @ 12:00 Noon*

LOCATION: *Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo 525 Larkin Building*

1. Call to Order Robert E. Knoer, Chair. JE calls to order pending RK's arrival.

2. Roll Call

Robert E. Knoer,	Chair	(REK)	Present by phone
Judy Einach,	Vice Chair	(JE)	Present
Arthur Wheaton,	Treasurer	(AW)	Present
Loren Smith,	Secretary	(LS)	Present
Jay Burney		(JBy)	Present
Brian Dold		(BD)	Present
Erin Heaney		(EH)	Excused
Rebekah A. Williams		(RW)	Present
Micaela Shapiro-Shellaby		(MS)	Present
Justin Booth		(JB)	Excused
Terry L. Yonker		(TY)	Present by phone
Ryan McPherson		(RM)	Present
Alexandra McPherson		(AM)	Present

Also Present:

Richard Stockton	(RS)	Excused – best wishes sent
Kristen Kaszubowski	(KK)	Present
Cara Matteliano	(CM)	Present
Dylan Steed – UB Intern	(DS)	Present
Sarah Eisenstark – UB Intern	(SE)	Present

3. Approval of Agenda and Prior Minutes. Agenda moved by AW, seconded by RM, no objections. Minutes Moved by RW, seconded by AW.

4. Organizational Issues

- a. Treasures Report (AW). Art, Kristen & Cara met last week to discuss the budget. Thanks to CM and KK for all of their work putting the accounting together. \$30K in revenue has come from CFGB for the past three years. CFGB support is being reduced by \$1K per year per our agreement but \$1K was donated by Canon to bring us to \$10K in

income for the current year. Please see the budget distributed by AW. A major increased expense has been the cost of the Marcy Casino for our quarterly meetings. RM points out that this small budget exists within the larger context of CFGB contributions of time and resources, the GrowWNY web site, the 716 texting project and other initiatives. Long-term planning and strategic thinking will be focused on after the coming election. \$8,177.63 is available for the congress and as we move forward through June/July. Libraries and other community spaces should be considered.

b. 2013-2014 WNYEA Budget Update (CM) A primary question is whether we want to spend the bulk of our funds on convening. This speaks to a deeper question of our mission and what we want to be. At the next meeting we might draft a statement of the purpose of our group for consideration of the group and passing on to the next board.

c. Nominations Committee Report (RW)
Candidates must be representatives of a member organization in order to run. It was discussed that each candidate could be invited to write a blog article and provide a bio. A congress page on the GrowWNY web site was discussed. Only the two designated representatives can vote. RW will coordinate with KK and RM to move the process forward.

JBy moved that we open up the fourth at large membership so that there are two positions available for three individuals to run for. RW seconds. No objections – the motion passes.

i. 2013 New Board Candidates:

1. Lindsay Amico (at large)
2. Andy Goldstein (pollution & waste)
3. Chuck Bartlett (at large)

I Working Groups

<i>Working Groups w/ Open Board Seat</i>	<i>2013 Candidates</i>	<i>Email</i>
Parks & Recreation	Brian Dold	brian@bfloparks.org
Pollution & Waste	Andy Goldstein	andrewgoldstein@verizon.net
Urban Regeneration	Arthur C. Wheaton	acw18@cornell.edu
Transportation	Justin Booth	justin@greenoptionsbuffalo.org

II Process Groups

<i>Process Groups w/ Open Board Seat</i>	<i>2013 Candidates</i>	<i>Email</i>
Education & Outreach (EO)		
Organizational Capacity(OC)	Alexandra McPherson	amcpherson@bnriverkeeper.org

III At Large

<i>At Large Reps w/ Open Seat</i>	<i>2013 Candidates</i>	<i>Email</i>
At Large (AL2)	Loren Smith	lsmith1031@gmail.com
	Lindsay Amico	lindsay.amico@gmail.com
	Chuck Bartlett	cbartlett2@gmail.com

5. Old Business:

- a. Third Quarterly Meeting (MS) The meeting went well (despite connectivity issues for the Little Sis presentation), the working group representatives did a good job of presenting the planks. We will vote on the planks at the next meeting. Revisions should be completed by October 14th and sent to KK and MS in advance of the next board meeting on the 24th. Board members should be prepared to review the planks and comments from member groups and the general public (through the GrowWNY web site). Policy planks should be as concise and well stated as possible. RK will ‘pick up the baton’ on moving forward on the working group statements.
- b. 2013 Congress (REK/RM)
 - i. Date: **Wednesday, November 6th (5:30 pm to 9:00 pm)**. Reception until 6:00;
 - ii. Agenda
 - i. Dinner with loop of accomplishments, RK opens the congress, RK transacts business (minimally), MS presents the action agenda; Video; remarks from Administrator Enck; Q&A with Admin Enck. There should be sufficient time to allow the counting of votes.
 - iii. Speaker: Judith Enck
 - iv. Place: UB EOC - 77 Goodell Street – the new building next to the UB Gateway.
- c. Greenway Task Force

6. New Business:

Report of Committees:

(PLEASE NOTE written minutes or a report should be submitted to the list serve prior to the meeting if possible)

- a. Membership Committee (LS,JE,AA) No Report
 - i. New Applications Membership Report:
- d. Communications and GROW Subcommittee (RAM KK)
 - i. UB Internships
 - ii. WNYEA Congress Video
 - iii. Grow 716 Information Session

7. **Report of Alliance Groups:**

(PLEASE SEND Any DETAILED REPORT OF MEETINGS VIA EMAIL SO WE HAVE TIME FOR DISCUSSION)

- i. Habitat and Natural Resources (JBy)
 - 1. Progress on Agenda
 - 2. Status of 2014 Agenda Proposals
 - ii. Parks and Recreation (BD)
 - 1. Progress on Agenda
 - 2. Status of 2014 Agenda Proposals
 - iii. Energy and Climate Change (TY)
 - 1. Progress on Agenda
 - 2. Status of 2014 Agenda Proposals
 - iv. Pollution and Hazardous Waste (JE)
 - 1. Progress on Agenda
 - 2. Status of 2014 Agenda Proposals
 - v. Urban Regeneration (ACW Temp)
 - 1. Progress on Agenda
 - 2. Status of 2014 Agenda Proposals
 - vi. Environmental Justice (EH)
 - 1. Progress on Agenda
 - 2. Status of 2014 Agenda Proposals
 - vii. Growing Group (RW)
 - 1. Progress on Agenda
 - 2. Status of 2014 Agenda Proposals
 - viii. Transportation (JB)
 - 1. Progress on Agenda
 - 2. Status of 2014 Agenda Proposals
- b. Report of Liaisons to Process Groups**
- 1. Issues & Advocacy (MS)

- a. Progress on Agenda/ Presentations
- b. Rapid Response Team (REK MS)
 - i. Need a third member
- 2. Education & Outreach (LH)
 - a. Progress on Agenda
- 3. Organizational Capacity (AM)
 - a. Initial Meeting

8. Adjourn (approximately 1:30) AW moves, RW seconds, no objections.

The Conference for the Environment, a bi-national summit, will take place the first week of October. The conference is starting with a performance and keynote address from Gord Downie of the Tragically Hip. The WNYEA has tables reserved for this event, but space is limited. Exhibitors will get to table before Downie takes the stage, then attend the event.

REMAINING REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

Board of Directors 2013 Remaining Scheduled Meeting Dates: Fourth Tuesday of the Month

October 24 (NOTE: Thursday)

WNYEA Congress: Annual Meeting
Wednesday November 6, 2013 5:00 to 9:00

November 26, 2013 Organizational Meeting

Holiday Break No Meeting December 2013