

Evergreen Chapter - American Society for Public Administration
Board of Directors Meeting
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, June 14, 2017, 6:30 p.m.

Participating: Steve Benowitz, Crystal Chang, Liz DuBois, Jen McEwen, Mark Sullivan, Kiriko Takahashi, Yuko Saika, and Mary Van Verst

Not in Attendance: Aye Nay Abye, Dave Broom, Cassie Bordelon, Chris Page, and Steve Percy

President's Report

Steve reported that we are losing some board members (3 of them not on the phone). This is the last meeting for some. Steve thanked Kiriko for her service on the board, and all that she did in her year as a Student Representative.

For the next year Steve said we will need to reach out to Deans and others as appropriate to bring in student representatives from the various schools.

Treasurer's Report

Dave (absent) sent a report yesterday. The board voted to approve the report.

Secretary's Report

Mary reported that there was no meeting in May. The minutes from April 12 were approved by the board.

Old Business

a. Renewal of Seattle CityClub membership:

Jen reported on research she had done to help our decision whether or not to renew our annual membership. Pros include CityClub's co-marketing of our events (which they have been doing for us), and they have a broad Seattle audience. Cons are that it's a \$250 commitment and we haven't been able to co-host any events. Their tickets are expensive. We'd probably have to subsidize a chapter member's ticket for participation in an event.

Discussion ensued. Jen's recommendation was that we renew. For this summer, Jen can begin attending CityClub lunch events. After the summer we will need others to represent our chapter at events. Mark would like our partnering on lunch events to be an item for our summer planning meeting to decide what we want to get out of it. Liz is interested in getting a group of board members to buy a table at a lunch event. This would be good for networking. Crystal checked the website and said they have four events between now and August. They also have some civic cocktail hours.

Steve remarked that CityClub does their planning in January. It may be too late to do anything collaboratively with them now, but he thinks Liz's idea is good. Steve suggested that we renew now. The board then voted to approve renewing our membership with CityClub. Steve

asked Jen to inform them that we'll renew.

b. Election for the 2017-18 Board of Directors:

Liz reported that she, Yuko, and Michael Jacobsen have developed a slate of candidates. There are seven open seats. Four are staying on (Mary, Dave, Crystal, and Mark), and two people are interested in joining as new board members: David Harris of the Ruckelshaus Center and a professor from Evergreen who goes by the name of Lucky. The committee has resumes and statements of interest. The committee will approve the slate then send to the board (only to those not up for re-election), then the chapter membership.

Chris, Cassie, and Kathy are not running again. Steve remarked that we can appoint someone to fill a vacated slot. If Cassie served only one year, we could fill her position without an election; we can also seek someone to finish Kathy's term.

New Business

Initial planning for year board retreat: Steve reported that Dave and Cheryle Broom have offered their home again. Steve will send a poll to remaining board members and those up for re-election about dates. He wants people to think about leadership for the chapter. Steve hopes that board members are thinking about whether they can take a leadership role or know of someone on the board who could.

The agenda for the retreat will be similar to what we've had in the past: planning for programming and for finding student representatives. Steve urged board members to kick ideas around with other members; if you have a proposal, let the board know, and we will get it on the agenda.

Mark stated that he'd like us to discuss revision of the time for our board meetings. He added that we need to have events that engage our membership. Others agreed with this point. Liz remarked that we had done better in the last year, with two major events, but that we could do better. Steve said we maybe we should have an event every other month (6 total); something to discuss.

Steve advised that we could also do better with membership, not only retaining members, but knowing the nature of our turn-over. He thinks that someone with a good grasp of Excel could do this. We currently have about 145 members in the Evergreen Chapter.

Adjourn

Steve adjourned the meeting at 7:07 p.m. Our next meeting will be the in-person meeting for the new board, to be announced.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Mary Van Verst