

Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

February 27, 2024
12:00 p.m.

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Meeting ID: 811 5445 4627

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Quorum = 6 Directors

Quorum Met: Yes No

	Name	Position	Present
1	Bidtah N. Becker	Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2	Kari Olsen	Chair-elect / Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3	Melinda Branin	Past Chair / Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4	Zachary Ogaz	Secretary	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5	Kristen Burby	Budget Officer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6	Steve Hernandez	Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
7	Thomas Paterson	Director	<input type="checkbox"/>
8	Yarithza Peña	Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
9	John Verheul	Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
10	VACANT	Director	<input type="checkbox"/>
11	VACANT	YLD Liaison	<input type="checkbox"/>
12	Vanessa Springer	UNM Student Liaison	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
13	Adrian Oglesby	UNM Faculty	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Items on every agenda:

1. Welcome Yarithza
 - a. Yarithza gave a short introduction.
 - b. Other members gave introductions.
2. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Following minor changes, the minutes were approved for the January NREEL Meeting.
 - i. Motion to approve from Steve Hernandez, seconded by Melinda Branin. Passed unopposed.
3. Financial Review
4. Old Business
 - a. No old business mentioned
5. New Business

- a. New Member Process: Maslyn Locke
 - i. Kari Olson spoke with Maslyn about joining and Kari mentioned Maslyn was amenable to joining but the NREEL board would need to follow up with the process for joining the NREEL board shortly.
 - ii. Melinda described the process for adding a new board member under current circumstances.
 - iii. Kari Olson said she would follow up with Maslyn about joining by email and if Maslyn would like to join, the NREEL board would vote to appoint her by email pending Maslyn submitting qualifications.
 - b. UNM / ELS Spring Environmental Law Mixer
 - i. Vanessa Springer mentioned there will be a mixer on March 21, 2024, in the evening.
 - 1. Vanessa asked if NREEL wanted to co-sponsor.
 - ii. Reed Benson Retirement
 - 1. Adrian Oglesby provided an update on having a retirement party for Reed Benson. Adrian mentioned that UNM would not be doing anything, but Reed would prefer to have a smaller after work hours gathering.
 - c. CLE Update
 - i. Equity and Justice
 - 1. The NREEL board discussed whether to include this into the annual NREEL institute or to do a CLE on this topic earlier.
 - a. Biddah mentioned that she would take a lead on this.
 - ii. Reed Benson
 - 1. Adrian Oglesby mentioned that Reed Benson would be willing to do something on stream access issues.
 - a. Need to find a date – early April was suggested but Adrian would speak with Reed about dates.
 - d. Budget Update
 - i. Kristen Burby went through the proposed 2024 budget, and described the balance carried forward from 2023, projected expenses, and projected revenues.
 - ii. There was discussion on how budget could be adjusted to benefit NREEL section members.
 - iii. A motion was made to adopt the proposed 2024 NREEL budget. Motion by Melinda Branin, seconded by Zach Ogaz. Passed unanimously.
6. Next Meeting Date: March 27, 2024, noon