

Minutes
Board of Directors meeting
AEP San Francisco Bay Area

1 Introductions

Present

Jennie Anderson,
Joan Douglas, Chapter Director
Brian Holt, Newsletter editor
Dustin Joseph, Treasurer
Igor Lacan, UC Berkeley Student Representative
Mary Laux, (outgoing) Social Events Director
Terri McCracken, newly appointed Membership Coordinator
Leann Taagepera, President

Not present

Ed DeBellevue, Co-Vice President of Programs
Morty Prisament, Co-Vice President of Programs (outgoing)

2 Events (Program notes)

a) Recent events

~ PRBO event was well attended; focused on birds

b) Upcoming and potential projects

~ reviewed Ed's list of upcoming projects

Potential projects

~ EBRPD – focus on habitat restoration, of interest to consultants

~ Or - a combination social/program

~ Or a volunteer event with another organization?

~ No program in January, but everyone agreed that we might need a program in Feb;
schedule and topic tentative

3) Discussion of potential new Board members

~ 2 people interested in “VP-social” position; perhaps make it a co-VP? Everyone agrees - motion carries.

~ Vote to appoint Terri McCracken the membership coordinator: motion (LT), seconded (ML); all agree – motion carries.

~ Leann noted that we still need a secretary; Brian explained the duties of a secretary

4) Bylaws update

~ Joan described the need for updating the bylaws, to better define the primary service area, add new board positions. Joan also distributed copies of the updated Bylaws (Thank you, Joan!) Does everyone concur? Motion to approve (JD): BH seconded, all approve; motion carries. After concurrence by the State Board, the updated version will become the new bylaws.

5) New position: NAEP liaison

~ Joan explained difference between CalifAEP and NAEP; now CalifAEP is NAEP's California chapter. So, we need a liaison to better introduce the NAEP members in California to CalifAEP. But perhaps the State AEP people should move first on this. We will revisit this issue after the state Board meeting

6) Newsletter

- ~ Next issue of the Newsletter coming in January. Brian is asking for upcoming events and other article material (new board members, meeting updates, workshops, etc.)
- ~ A good feature article is always appreciated!

7) State Board meeting

- ~ Brian described his experience at the State board meeting in Pismo Beach. Interesting meeting; perhaps a bit more accessible location could have been chosen.

8) 2009 Conference - we are the hosts!

- ~ A negative financial experience for Orange County last yr; the lesson is to go through State Board first with all financial aspects of the Conference - also, can and should get help from State Board
- ~ next yr the Conference is in San Diego - they are already well organized
- ~ we need to organize well in advance; could it be co-sponsored (NAEP, APA)?
- ~ Companies can contact Mary if they need sponsorship info
- ~ Brian mentioned his experiences at this years board meeting - plenty of opportunities

8) Board member plaques

- ~ Leann suggested that we might want to present plaques to outgoing board members
Everyone agreed that this would be a good idea
- ~ Should we use printed nametags for future meetings?
We agree to try – Igor will print them up for the next event
- ~ Should we develop our own chapter logo? Need to check with Mark about current one?

9) Around the table & treasurer's update

- ~ Everyone welcomed the new board members Jennie and Terri
- ~ Dustin: reconciling budget, will have everything ready this week; we still have about \$4000 in checking, and \$10000 in our money market (before the workshop income)
Thanks, Dustin!
- ~ Brian: Much more response to newsletter now than earlier; greater interest among members. Also, much more interest in the election: not a single vote last year, compared to 20-30 votes this time.
- ~ Mary: 'twas a wonderful two years!
Thank you, Mary for organizing such truly outstanding events!
- ~ Joan: CEQA workshop 2 March, in Santa Rosa and 8 March in Oakland
Next State Board meeting is 6 March

Closing: meeting in January - Dustin will coordinate!