

**National Peace Corps Association
BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2016 ANNUAL MEETING
Lutheran Church of the Reformation
212 East Capitol Street NE – Washington, DC 20003
September 25, 2016**

Directors Present: Randolph Adams, J. Henry (Hank) Ambrose, Tony Barclay, Jane Bardon (out-going), Glenn Blumhorst (*ex officio*), Sandra Bunch, Juliana Essen (in-coming), Patrick Fine (in-coming), Janet Greig, Dennis Grubb (out-going), Angela Harris, Marjorie Harrison, Kathleen Long (in-coming), Mary Owen (in-coming), Gary Schulze (out-going), Susan Senecah, Maricarmen Smith-Martinez, Linda Stingl, Joby Taylor, Mal Warwick.

Director Connecting Remotely: Jayne Booker

Directors Absent with Apology: Brian Forde (out-going), Corey Griffin

Board-Elected Nominee Present: Tai Sunnanon

Staff and Fellows Present: J.M. Ascienzo (Government Relations), Anne Baker (Vice President), Michelle Laws (Special Assistant), Jonathan Pearson (Advocacy), Amanda Silva (Community Fund and Partnerships)

Guests Present: Jeb Eddy (RPCVs for Environmental Action), Gloria Levin (Amigos de Bolivia y Peru), Lie Njie (Northern California Peace Corps Association), David Roberson, Patricia Wand (Board Emerita)

Call to Order – *Joby Taylor, Board Chair*

The Board Chair called the Meeting to order at 2:10 PM Eastern Time. A quorum was present.

Introductions – The Chair called on Board Directors, Staff and Guests to introduce themselves. Following the introductions, Board Director Katie Long reprised her song about the Peace Corps experience that she shared at the end of the Walk for Peace earlier in the day.

Minutes Review – The motion by Adams to approve the June 20, 2016 minutes as published in the September 2016 Board Book was seconded and carried.

Interim Action by the Board – Jane Bardon, Secretary

INTERIM MOTION 1: Resolved that the NPCA Board establishes two Annual Advocacy Awards as recommended by the Awards Advisory Committee (Policy 2016008R).

1. The Sam Farr Congressional Leadership Award, which is named for Representative Farr (D-CA and RPCV Colombia 1964-66), who has been a tireless champion of the Peace Corps during his 12 terms in Congress and is retiring this year. One or two awards would be made each year to recognize Members of Congress who have been leaders in legislation and/or appropriations that support our goal of “*Helping the Peace Corps Be the Best That It Can Be.*”

2. The NPCA Advocate of the Year Award, which recognizes one or more individuals who have exercised leadership in support of the NPCA's Annual Day of Action, organizing district-level meetings with Members of Congress, and recruiting fellow RPCVs to participate in NPCA's advocacy programs.

The motion by Tony Barclay was seconded and approved online by unanimous consent July 6-13, 2016. Directors voting in favor: Adams, Ambrose, Barclay, Bardon, Blumhorst, Booker, Bunch, Greig, Griffin, Grubb, Harris, Harrison, Schulze, Senecah, Smith-Martinez, Stingl, Taylor, Warwick. Director not voting: Forde

Interim Action by the Executive Committee – As provided in NPCA Policy 2015014M, the Executive Committee approved four applications for group affiliation.

EXCOM ACTION 1 – July 25, 2016

Resolved: that the Executive Committee of the NPCA Board of Directors approves the application of the **RPCVs for Environmental Action** as an NPCA Affiliate Group. *The motion by Taylor was seconded and carried.*

EXCOM ACTION 2 – July 25, 2016

Resolved: that the Executive Committee of the NPCA Board of Directors approves the application of the **GSA* RPCV Employee Association** as an NPCA Affiliate Group. (*General Services Administration) *The motion by Taylor was seconded and carried.*

EXCOM ACTION 3 – August 22, 2016

Resolved: that the Executive Committee of the NPCA Board of Directors approves the application of the **Returned Peace Corps Volunteers of The Villages (RPCVTV)** as an NPCA Affiliate Group. *The motion by Bardon was seconded and carried.*

EXCOM ACTION 4 – August 22, 2016

Resolved: that the Executive Committee of the NPCA Board of Directors approves the application of the **RPCVs & Friends at USDA*** as an NPCA Affiliate Group. (*United States Department of Agriculture) *The motion by Bardon was seconded and carried.*

Governance Committee Report – Jane Bardon, Chair

Affiliate Group Network (AGN) Coordinator Election

The Governance Committee congratulated **Maricarmen Smith-Martinez** on her re-election by the affiliate groups to a second two-year term (2016-2018) as the AGN Coordinator.

2016 Member-Elected Director Elections

The Governance Committee welcomed the following Member-Elected Directors who were elected by their constituents during the July 12 to August 12, 2016 voting period. They were duly seated as voting members of the Board:

Three-year term: 2016-2019

Patrick Fine (RPCV Swaziland 1980-1984) – West, Central, and Southern Africa Division Representative

Kathleen Long (RPCV Honduras 2005-2007, RPCRV Panama 2015-2016) – The Americas Division Representative

Mary Owen (RPCV Philippines 2005-2006) – Upper Midwest Division Representative

One-year term: 2016-2017 (to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Charles McConnell)
Juliana Essen (RPCV Thailand 1993-1995) – West Division Representative

MOTION 1: The NPCA Board of Directors resolves that we acknowledge and express our appreciation for the commitment and service of the following Member-elected Directors whose terms are now completed:

Jane Bardon – Upper Midwest Division Representative (2012-2016), Board Secretary (June 2014 - September 2016), Governance Committee Chair (June 2014 – September 2016), Governance Co-Chair (2013-14)

Dennis Grubb – The Americas Division Representative (2013-2016), Treasurer and Finance Chair (June 2014 - June 2016)

Gary Schulze – West, Central, and Southern Africa Division Representative (2010-2016), Board Secretary (September 2011 – June 2014)

The motion by Bardon on behalf of the Governance Committee was carried unanimously.

Board-Elected Directors Nominations and Elections

MOTION 2: The Governance Committee nominates the following as Board-Elected Directors for a three-year term (2016-2019) to begin immediately upon their election and continue until their successors are seated:

J. Henry Ambrose (first elected as a Director - June 2013)

Sandra Bunch (first elected as a Director - June 2013)

Tai Sunnanon (RPCV Republic of Palau, 2002-2004)

The motion by Bardon on behalf of the Governance Committee was carried unanimously and the three nominees were duly elected.

MOTION 3: The NPCA Board of Directors resolves that we acknowledge and express our appreciation for the commitment and service of the following Board-elected Director whose term is now completed.

Brian Forde – Board-elected Director, June 2013 to September 2016

The motion by Bardon on behalf of the Governance Committee was carried unanimously.

Officer Nominations and Elections

MOTION 4: The Governance Committee nominates the following as Officers of the Board of Directors for a one-year term (2016-2017) to begin immediately upon their election and continue until their successors are seated:

Board Chair: Joby Taylor (Board-elected Director since September 2011, first elected as Board Chair - June 2015)

Vice Chair: Randolph Adams (Member-elected Director/ Mid-Atlantic and Nationwide Division since June 2015, first elected as Board Vice Chair - June 2016)

Secretary: Jayne Booker (Board-elected Director since June 2012)

Treasurer: Patrick Fine (Member-elected Director/West, Central, and Southern Africa Division Representative as of September 2016)

The motion by Bardon on behalf of the Governance Committee was carried unanimously and the four Board Officers were duly elected.

Community Fund Steering Committee Charge

The Governance Committee reviewed the charge for the Community Fund Steering Committee and finalized and approved it online.

President's Report – Glenn Blumhorst, NPCA President and CEO

NPCA's principal priorities during the reporting period included:

- Organize Capitol Hill Advocacy Day, Peace Corps Connect and Walk for Peace
- Launch the new website and membership platform (hosted by SilkStart); migrate to new e-newsletter timing and format
- Continue development of Community Fund Case for Support (donor interviews)
- Implement Cultural Agility Leadership Lab (CALL) program with Cigna in Thailand
- Develop reformulated communications plans and strategies

Special Items of Note

- Shriver Circle membership reached approximately 160.
- 2016 Peace Corps Connect paid registrations were about 625.
- Over 250 Advocacy Meetings were held on Capitol Hill with 200 participants.
- 2017 Peace Corps Connect will be held next summer in Denver, Colorado.

Treasurer/Finance Committee Report – Tony Barclay, Treasurer

MOTION 5: Resolved that the NPCA Board of Directors approves the 2015 Audit as recommended by the Finance Committee

The motion by Barclay for the Finance Committee was carried unanimously.

MOTION 6: Resolved that the NPCA Board of Directors approves an instruction to the Silicon Valley Community Foundation to adjust the portfolio mix of the Global Leaders Fund to achieve a 50/50 mix of Long Term Growth and Social Impact pools.

The motion by Barclay for the Finance Committee was carried unanimously.

Business and Development Committee Report – Sandra Bunch, Chair

Bunch encouraged Board Directors to complete the Board Member Action Plan and to host Shriver Circle Dinners to broaden the support of NPCA in their communities. She reported that the 2016 donation from the RPCVs of Wisconsin/Madison was \$6,250; this is 10% of their annual calendar sale proceeds. Wellspring Foundation provided a grant of \$20,000.

Public Policy and Advocacy Committee Report – *Angie Harris, Chair*

Advocacy highlights include:

- The crowd-funding effort raised \$11,320.
- Health Justice Awareness Day included an affiliate group webinar.
- Capitol Hill Advocacy Day on September 22 had 250 NPCA participants and 300 meetings.

Initial Advocacy Awards awarded at Peace Corps Connect 2016

2016 Sam Farr Congressional Leadership Award – Representative Kay Granger (R-TX) and Representative Nita Lowey (D-NY) – Granger is Chair and Lowey is the Ranking Member of the US House of Representatives Committee on Appropriations, State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs Subcommittee.

2016 Advocate of the Year Award – Richard MacIntyre – Richard (RPCV Korea 1967-69) has been a regular presence at advocacy events, both advocating for the Peace Corps and mentoring new participants. In the early years of NPCA's annual National Day of Action, Richard spent dozens of hours volunteering to help prepare and improve our program.

Membership Committee Report – *Joby Taylor, Acting Chair*

The Membership Committee did not meet during this period. During the next quarter, with results and data from the website/database rollout, the Committee intends to review the membership model transition in order to provide suggestions from the assessment.

Peace Corps Connect Advisory and Steering Committee – *Glenn Blumhorst, Ex-Officio*

Peace Corps Connect 2017 is planned for Denver, Colorado next summer.

Awards Advisory Committee Report – *Tony Barclay, Chair*

2016 Awards presented at Peace Corps Connect

Harris Wofford Global Citizen Award – Ibrahima “Bara” Sankare of Mali, Director and founder of Delta Survie, an NGO committed to fighting for the integration of marginalized populations, promoting health and education, developing schools in pastoral villages, and opening centers for women suffering from obstetrical fistula.

Sargent Shriver Award for Distinguished Humanitarian Service – Kevin Fiori and Jenny Schechter (RPCVs Togo), founders of Health through Hope, which delivers efficient, effective, community-driven healthcare in neglected settings such as in Togo.

Loret Miller Ruppe Award for Outstanding Community Service – Friends of Guinea, Friends of Liberia and Friends of Sierra Leone for their outstanding leadership in the Ebola Relief Fund, funding 30 grants to 26 communities in the three affected countries that impacted an estimated 300,000 individuals.

Adjournment – *Joby Taylor, Board Chair*

It was moved, seconded and carried that the meeting be adjourned at 6:01 PM Eastern Time.

Jane Bardon, Secretary
NPCA Board of Directors