



**National
Peace Corps
Association**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Friday, June 5, 2015
Wheeler Hall, University of California – Berkeley**

Call to Order: NPCA Board of Directors Chair Tony Barclay called the meeting to order at 9:32 AM Pacific Time. Following a show of hands of NPCA Members, the Chair declared that a quorum (100) was present.

Minutes of the 2014 Meeting: The motion to approve the minutes of the NPCA 2014 Annual General Meeting held on June 21, 2014 in Nashville TN was seconded and carried.

2015 NPCA Bylaws Revision: NPCA Board Secretary and Governance Chair Jane Bardon presented an overview of some of the new provisions of the 2015 Amended and Restated Bylaws adopted by the NPCA Membership on June 3, 2015 by a vote of 304 to 4. The 2015 Bylaws redefine the purposes of NPCA and give greater emphasis to NPCA as a membership organization through new terminology such as “Annual General Membership Meeting.”

Treasurer’s Report: The financial report for 2014 prepared by Treasurer Dennis Grubb was distributed to attendees.

2015 Annual Report: NPCA President and CEO Glenn Blumhorst described the highlights for the 2014-2015 year, a summary of which was handed out to attendees and is attached to these minutes. The full 2014 Annual Report can be found at: <http://www.peacecorpsconnect.org/cpages/legal-documents-reports>

2016 Annual General Membership Meeting: President Blumhorst announced that the 2016 meeting will be held in Washington, DC in September, 2016 in conjunction with the 55th Anniversary of Peace Corps.

New Business: Board Chair Tony Barclay reported on that the Peace Corps Commemorative to be set up in Washington, DC is near the end of the design stage. A jury will select the final design from among those submitted through a national competition by September.

Other new business included NPCA support of fundraising efforts by the Friends of Nepal for earthquake relief and Peace Corps plans to address climate change.

Adjournment: The 2015 NPCA Annual General Membership Meeting was adjourned at 10:18 AM Pacific Time.

Jane Bardon,
NPCA Board Secretary

Attachment: 2015 Annual General Membership Meeting Summary Report



**2015 Annual General Membership Meeting
June 5, 2015
Berkeley, CA**

**Welcome to Peace Corps Connect – Berkeley and to
NPCA’s 2015 Annual General Membership Meeting**

The year 2014 marked the 35th anniversary of the National Peace Corps Association (NPCA), whose founding in 1979 was initiated by a number of RPCV member groups. The year was marked by a renewal of commitments by many of our loyal supporters, adoption of a new Strategic Plan, establishment of a formal partnership agreement with the Peace Corps, and continued progress in building a sustainable business model for the NPCA.

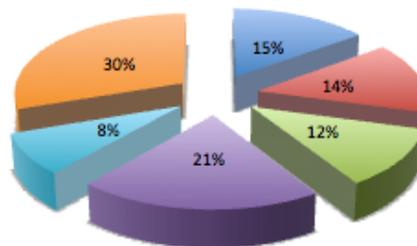
At the June Board of Directors meeting, the NPCA adopted a compelling Strategic Plan for the years 2014-18. This plan was the result of an intensive planning process, led by Glenn Blumhorst and the NPCA staff, and was shaped by continuous dialogue with our Board of Directors, leaders of member groups, and other key stakeholders. The Strategic Plan focuses our energy, activities, and financial resources on **two key goals: (1) enabling members and member groups to thrive, and (2) helping the Peace Corps be the best that it can be.** It provides a foundation for the NPCA’s 2015 annual operating plan and budget, and will help to set priorities for programs and staff responsibilities on an ongoing basis.

Most of our ongoing activities and new initiatives this year reflect this strategic approach, for example:

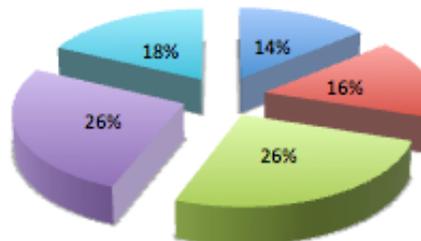
- As the Ebola outbreak became a crisis situation in West Africa, the Peace Corps community responded, with the NPCA playing an instrumental role. Driven by member groups of RPCVs from the affected countries of Liberia, Sierra Leone and Guinea, the NPCA quickly launched the **Ebola Relief Fund**, which raised over \$90,000 from more than 350 donors to support community-driven projects by West African NGOs identified by RPCVs.
- In collaboration with Northeastern University, we launched the **Cultural Agility Leadership Lab (CALL)**, sending corporate employees to share their expertise with local NGOs requiring technical assistance. Earlier this spring, the first cohort of employees from Cigna’s information technology department in Bloomfield, Conn. returned from one week in Bali, Indonesia, where they worked with two local nonprofit organizations and received cultural coaching from two Returned Peace Corps Volunteers.
- NPCA and **Water Charity** are partnering to make clean drinking water and improved sanitation for all a global reality. Through the NPCA / Water Charity partnership, a Training and Support Initiative (TSI) will provide Volunteers and local governmental and nongovernmental organizations with face-to-face and remote training on issues ranging from funding, to technical support, to managing training programs that will sustain these projects. A “help desk” for PCVs and RPCVs will draw on a repository of Peace Corps knowledge and be available to provide coaching through each phase of a project’s implementation.
- NPCA advocates helped score some significant victories with the 113th Congress. This includes the approval of language that will implement the **Peace Corps Equity Act**, a mid-year mobilization to confirm the **Peace Corps Director** and passage of **Peace Corps Commemorative** legislation at the beginning of 2014.

2014 Revenues

Donated Services	\$186,390
Membership	\$180,561
Earned Income	\$146,998
Advertising	\$256,610
Grants	\$104,245
Contributions	\$379,215
Total	\$1,254,019

**2014 Expenses**

Donated Services	\$186,390
Membership	\$212,765
Publications	\$345,660
Education/Service	\$348,930
Management/Fundraising	\$238,724
Total	\$1,332,469



Financial results for 2014 showed an increase in revenues of \$166,081 (15%) over the previous year, although we fell slightly short of our goal to achieve a break-even result. At \$1,254,019, revenues for the year were 6% below expenses of \$1,332,469. Increases in individual contributions, especially from a growing Shriver Circle, were a key factor in the improved revenue picture. For 2015, we are confident in our ability to continue moving the NPCA on the path to sustained financial health.

For the fifth consecutive year, the NPCA earned the distinction of a four-star rating from Charity Navigator, the nation's largest independent evaluator of charities. This rating assures current and potential donors that the NPCA provides a high level of stewardship and accountability in managing the funds that are provided by our donors, members, and partners.

After a year of encouraging progress on many fronts, we once again extend our thanks to the wide range of Peace Corps community members who provide the NPCA with indispensable support. The NPCA exists to serve you and support you in all that you do to sustain a lifelong commitment to Peace Corps values.

Tony Barclay
Chair
Kenya 1968-1970

Dennis Grubb
Treasurer
Colombia 1961-1963

Glenn Blumhorst
President & CEO
Guatemala 1988-1991

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