

**National Peace Corps Association
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
December 12, 2016
Teleconference**

Directors Present: J. Henry (Hank) Ambrose, Tony Barclay, Glenn Blumhorst (*ex officio*), Jayne Booker, Juliana Essen, Patrick Fine, Janet Greig, Angela Harris, Marjorie Harrison, Kathleen Long, Mary Owen, Susan Senecah, Maricarmen Smith-Martinez, Linda Stingl, Tai Sunnanon, Joby Taylor, Mal Warwick.

Directors Absent with Apology: Randolph Adams, Sandra Bunch, Corey Griffin

Staff and Fellows Present: J.M. Ascienzo (Government Relations), Anne Baker (Vice President), Jonathan Pearson (Advocacy), Amanda Silva (Community Fund and Partnerships), Kate Schwanhausser (Membership and Events)

Call to Order – *Joby Taylor, Board Chair*

The Board Chair called the Meeting to order at 8:04 PM Eastern Time. A quorum was present.

Minutes Review – The motion by Hank Ambrose to approve the September 25, 2016 minutes as published in the December 2016 Board Book was seconded and carried.

Interim Action by the Board – *Joby Taylor, Board Chair*

The NPCA's 990 for 2015 was reviewed and approved by the Finance Committee, then presented to the Board for review and comment prior to its submission on November 15, 2016. No formal vote on the 990 was required.

Interim Action by the Executive Committee – *Joby Taylor, Board Chair*

As provided in NPCA Policy 2015014M, the Executive Committee approved three applications for group affiliation.

EXCOM ACTION 1 – September 26, 2016

Resolved: that the Executive Committee of the NPCA Board of Directors approves the application of the **Friends of Indonesia** as an NPCA Affiliate Group.

The motion by Taylor was seconded and carried.

EXCOM ACTION 2 – October 31, 2016

Resolved: that the Executive Committee of the NPCA Board of Directors approves the application of the **Returned Peace Corps Volunteers at National Institutes of Health (RPCVs at NIH)** as an NPCA Affiliate Group.

The motion by Taylor was seconded and carried.

EXCOM ACTION 3 – November 28, 2016

Resolved: that the Executive Committee of the NPCA Board of Directors approves the application of the **Peace Corps Community in Support of Refugees** as an NPCA Affiliate Group.

The motion by Taylor was seconded and carried.

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

The NPCA's principal priorities during the reporting period included the following:

- Development of the 2017 Annual Operating Plan and Budget
- Continued development of the Community Fund Case for Support
- Launch of the major gifts campaign with select targeted donors
- Continued onboarding of Affiliate Groups to SilkStart
- Post-election re-positioning and retooling of advocacy strategy

The president presented the draft Annual Operating Plan for 2017 for approval. He noted a proposed revision of one of the goals and its corresponding objectives as follows:

Goal 3 Increase our community's development impact*

Objective 3.1: Increase community engagement in development projects

Objective 3.2: Increase private sector resources for PCV/RPCV projects

Objective 3.3: Increase community member capacity for development projects

MOTION 1: The NPCA Board of Directors approves the Annual Operating Plan for 2017 as presented.

The motion by Hank Ambrose and seconded by Sue Senecah was carried unanimously.

Treasurer/Finance Committee Report – Patrick Fine, Treasurer

The treasurer summarized the financial results as presented through October 31, 2016. He emphasized that the NPCA Board needs to continue to focus on eliminating the deficit and then building up a positive balance that will serve as a reserve fund for the organization.

The Investment Subcommittee of the Finance Committee continued its discussion of a letter from the Affiliate Group RPCVs for Environmental Action requesting that the NPCA divest the Global Leaders Fund from fossil fuel related investments. The Committee discussed an investment strategy and portfolio more oriented towards social impact investments and agreed that a first step is to explore a revised investment strategy.

At its December 2, 2016 meeting, the Finance Committee reviewed and approved the proposed 2017 Operating Budget. The Finance Committee recommends similar approval by the Board of Directors.

MOTION 2: Resolved that the NPCA Board of Directors approves the 2017 Operating Budget as presented.

The motion presented by Patrick Fine for the Finance Committee was carried unanimously.

Community Fund Steering Committee Report – Mal Warwick, Chair

Since the last meeting of the Board of Directors, the members of the expanded Community Fund Steering Committee have focused on final revisions to the draft Case for Support, highlighting increasing capacity of NPCA and strengthening the advocacy agenda.

Business and Development Committee Report – *Sandra Bunch, Chair*

The B&D Committee has been focusing on cultivating support, “friend-raising” events and the upcoming Shriver Leadership Summit in March.

Policy and Advocacy Committee Report – *Sue Senecah, Chair*

Our successful Capitol Hill Advocacy Day in September attracted an estimated 230 advocates from 34 states. An estimated 250 meetings were held. An exciting addition this year was the participation of representatives of nine Peace Corps host country embassies who joined high-level meetings to express strong support for the Peace Corps.

Other on-going efforts include health legislation, collaboration with Service Year Alliance, development of Health Support Networks and recruitment of advocacy coordinators. The annual National Days of Action is planned for early March. There will be a more modest and targeted Capitol Hill presence planned, as we want to significantly increase district meetings and solidarity events around the country during the first ten days of March.

Governance Committee Report – *Hank Ambrose, Chair*

The Governance Committee is discussing what board structure and composition would provide the most effective leadership for achieving NPCA’s goals.

Peace Corps Connect and NPCA Events Committee Report – *Glenn Blumhorst, Ex-Officio*

The PCC and NPCA Events Committee plans to hold its first meeting in early 2017. Top priorities will include discussing lessons learned from Peace Corps Connect 2016, outlining a schedule and programmatic theme for Peace Corps Connect 2017, discussing strategies for incentivizing younger RPCVs to attend and creating a list of potential sponsors for immediate outreach. Other upcoming events to note include the Shriver Leadership Summit (March 3-4, 2017 in Washington, DC) and the JFK Library Foundation centennial celebration on May 27, 2017 in Boston.

Awards Advisory Committee Report – *Tony Barclay, Chair*

Schedules and deadlines in 2017 for the nominations process for each of NPCA’s awards have been established. Please encourage nominations, which have the following deadlines: 2017 Wofford Award: January 31, 2017; 2017 Shriver Award: February 28, 2017; and 2017 Ruppe Award: April 30, 2017.

Membership Committee Report – *Joby Taylor, Acting Chair*

During the next quarter, informed by advice from the Governance Committee’s review of overall NPCA Board structures, the Membership Committee will evaluate the status of the open membership model in order to provide suggestions about the ongoing role or need for the committee.

Adjournment – *Joby Taylor, Board Chair*

It was moved, seconded and carried that the meeting be adjourned at 9:50 PM Eastern Time.

*Jayne Booker, Secretary
NPCA Board of Directors*