

NNREC Board of Directors Minutes

November 16, 2006, via conference call

on call: Stephanie Lefevre, Allison Brody, Anga Rebane, Dan Allison

not on call: Debbie Canestrelli, Margie Klein, Dave Cooper

Approve agenda YES

Approve minutes from last meeting YES

Fundraising

reviewed status of NDF, NDSP, BLM and CNS; Stephanie and Dan met with NDF, NDSP, and BLM on Wednesday last week; **ACTION**: Dan will create a summary of these meetings for the board

Conservation Education Mini-Grant Program: letters went out to all state and federal agencies, sometimes several people per agency, a few letters have gone to other-than-agency people, and more are ready to go but awaiting available time from Dan

Nevada Division of Forestry (NDF) - additional money for this fiscal year, up to 9.5K; we are talking about 2007–2008 fiscal year but have not made a proposal yet, will be for PLT, mini-grants, LIFE, and other activities not yet defined; \$6.5K for 2006-2007 state fiscal year of which about 2/3 is spent

Nevada Division of State Parks (NDSP) - met with with Cheryl Surface and Dave Mensing, and had wide ranging conversation about possible collaboration, they are interested primarily in three things: 1) work on a project together, probably to develop website with information on EE opportunities in specific state parks, some work already being done by Nevada Conservation Corps (NCC) on recreation opportunities, not sure where the information would reside, not sure whether we would do the work internally or contract it out; 2) supporting request to Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for staffing for NNREC; 3) development of a strategic plan for NDSP, we will provide them with templates and support them, goal is to make EE more prominent in the agency with dedicated internal staffing at state and park level, and to work with other partners to increase statewide capacity

Bureau of Land Management (BLM) - met with Barb Keleher, Tom Burke and JoLynne Worley

- Great Basin Teachers Workshop (GBTW), role the BLM and NNREC will have in 2007 and beyond, and about Project Archaeology; NNREC has offered GBTW help in registration, on-the-ground coordination, and marketing for 2007, and instructional involvement in 2008 and beyond; BLM is not sure how they want to proceed with contracting and we will need to wait on them; people in the Washington office are interested and wondering why more is not happening at state office; Allison mentioned that Las Vegas areas office has withdrawn from EE partnerships; **ACTION**: Stephanie will schedule conference call with BLM Washington office people and Step-

nie, Dan and Allison (?) with Washington office people to discuss their view of what should be happening in Nevada

- Project Archaeology (PA): BLM wants there to be workshops in state, there are trained BLM employees who are not currently doing workshops, we are proposing that NNREC take on organizing of workshops, with training of non-agency people to co-facilitate with agency people, current target seems to be one per year, three day workshop, GBTW might officially include PA workshop

AmeriCorps - as part of board direction to look into increasing our number of people, we have talked to Nevada EcoNet (Lauren Siegel) about a possible sharing of AmeriCorps people, and we are still pursuing the idea of being part of the Parasol community collaborative and their AmeriCorps program; VISTA members are free except for office, computer, and added training costs; AmeriCorps members through PCC have similar cost; will need to more clearly define what the person/people would be doing and how they would be shared, and if VISTA, how they would serve the lower income community; **ACTION**: Dan will send out a revised outline of Executive Director and a new list of VISTA responsibilities to the board; **ACTION**: Stephanie will send out a VISTA work plan as a model; the board will talk more about staffing at next meeting

Other Fundraising: Dan has a list of about 12 ideas for funding sources; we have not applied or done any work on these, but are ideas; **ACTION**: Dan will talk more to Allison about NSF Informal Science Education grant with PLI and NNREC

Board Fundraising Efforts

- Stephanie - NDF \$12K + \$9.5K new, assisted with EETAP \$12K/year for three years, BLM assistance agreement \$15K/year for three years plus Project Archaeology \$6K per year;
- Allison - worked with Dan on EETAP Capacity grant and Certification grant \$7.5K (only one year guaranteed)
- Anga - talked to AAUW but no progress
- no information from Debbie, Margie or Dave

Is information on the website what is needed by board members? YES

Annual Gala Event

Stephanie and Anga are talking about a major fundraising event in Incline Village at Anga's house; Anga is not excited about the idea, doesn't feel like she knows anyone with money and not sure people in Incline Village are that interested in education; Allison asked if there are other venues that would serve the same fundraising/friend raising objectives, either our own event or joining another existing event; we would ask people to pay up front to come to the dinner rather than asking at the dinner, ask for match of what board and other sources have given; Stephanie will cook for the dinner; ideas for speakers - Michael Milken (has contributed to Excellence in Education and is involved in Sierra Nevada College), Gary Snyder; have music; time frame late April or later due to weather, would there be a connection to Earth Day? no Earth Day in Incline Village though there may be a

movie night there; **ACTION**: Anga will find out Earth Day events and dates and email to board; no one accepted responsibility for contacting possible speakers

Board Giving Status

Dan asked that all board members renew their membership for 2007 and make a donation to the annual appeal so that this information can be included in the newsletter which ask organizations members and supporters to renew, join and donate

- Dave - membership and donation
- Debbie - membership and donation
- Margie - membership
- Allison - none
- Anga - none
- Stephanie - none

Next Meeting

Tuesday, Dec 5, 2006, 9:00AM; Dan will send FreeConference invitation

Action Items

from November 16, 2006 Board of Directors Meeting

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