



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

August 18, 2022, 6 p.m.

Location: Mountaineers Seattle Program Center and Zoom

Unofficial Summary

- Approved May 2022 Board of Director meeting minutes
- Approved updated Governance Committee roster
- Approved updated Litigation Committee roster
- Approved proposed bylaws updates for Fall 2022 election
- Endorsed Board of Director candidates for Fall 2022 election

Attendance

Officers

Gabe Aeschliman President
Vik Sahney Past President
Manisha Powar Vice President
Paul Stevenson Treasurer
Carry Porter Secretary
James Henderson VP of Branches
Matt Simerson VP of Outdoor Centers

Directors at Large

Rich Johnston
Brynne Koscianski
Takeo Kuraishi
Maya Magarati
Steve McClure
Roger Mellem
John Ohlson
Alex Pratt
Anita Wilkins
Siana Wong

Branch Directors

Mark Kerr Tacoma Branch Director
Jerry Logan Kitsap Branch Director
Maura Rendes Bellingham Branch Director
Matt Vadnal Everett Branch Director

Board Members Absent

Serene Chen Director at Large
Mike Kretzler Olympia Branch Director
Brad Near Seattle Branch Director
Serophina Ouyoumjian Youth Representative
Katie Strauz-Clark Youth Representative
Foothills Branch Director - vacant

Staff*

Tom Vogl CEO
Tom Helleberg Publisher
Andy Bassett Director of Education & Curriculum
Mckenzie Campbell Davies Annual Giving Manager
Amber Carrigan Director of Development
Helen Cherullo Executive Director of Conservation & Advancement
Kristina Ciari Director of Communications and Membership
Rich Heine Director of Finance & Accounting
Casey Kuglar Development Associate
Becca Polglase Director of Programs & Operations
Betsy Robblee Conservation & Advocacy Director
Barbara Sprecher Controller
Brienne Vanderlinden Deputy Director of Development & Strategic Engagement

Guests*

Scott Carlson
Amanda Piro
*non-voting attendees

Minutes

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. by Board President Gabe Aeschliman.

President, Past President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, VP of Branches, and VP of Outdoor Centers were in attendance. 20 of 24 voting Board members were present. A quorum was established and was maintained throughout the meeting.

Agenda

Gabe Aeschliman shared the proposed agenda.

- ★ Takeo Kurashi moved to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded and passed without objection

Consent Agenda

Gabe Aeschliman shared the consent agenda:

- ★ Vik Sahney moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded and passed without objection.

Committee and Staff Reports

Finance: Rich Heine presented regarding YTD financial results and 2023 budgeting status.

Mountainers Books: Tom Helleberg presented re Mountaineers Books financial results and new releases.

Development: Amber Carrigan presented regarding what the Board recognizes as her truly amazing contributions to the Mountaineers development program and passed the reins to the incomparable and incredibly talented Bri Vanderlinden.

Old Business

Governance: Tom Vogl presented regarding the bylaws updates.

- ★ Vik Sahney moved to approve the proposed bylaws changes as presented in the board packet. The motion was seconded and passed without objection.

Governance: Manisha Powar presented regarding Board of Directors candidates.

- ★ Brynne Koscianski moved to endorse the Board of Directors candidates nominated by the Governance Committee to stand for election in October 2022. The motion was seconded and passed without objection.

New Business

Strategic Vision: Tom Vogl presented regarding the status of the refresh of our Strategic Vision.

Child Protection Program: Beca Poglaise and Andy Bassett presented regarding child abuse protection efforts.

Braided River & Mountaineers Books: Helen Cherullo and Tom Helleberg presented regarding restructuring Braided River and Mountaineers Books fundraising and operations funding.

Announcements

08/31/22	50-Year Member Luncheon
09/13/22	The Mountaineers Virtual Annual Meeting
09/15/22	End of Summer Bash at REI
09/24/22	An Evening of Advocacy
11/11/22	Fall Board Retreat at Meany Lodge (Nov 11-13)
04/01/23	Annual Gala

Good of the Order

Board members are highly encouraged to attend one or more strategic planning sessions in the coming months and invite others to join. To sign up, follow the links to the individual activities on The Mountaineers website in the meeting presentation.

Adjournment

Without objection, Gabe Aeschliman adjourned the meeting at 8:32 pm.

Submitted by Carry Porter, Board Secretary

Approved by The Mountaineers Board of Directors <TBD>