



## Minutes of Board Meeting Thursday, April 22, 2021

**Participants:** Dan Corum, Scott Deatherage, Kate Kurtz, Mary Harrington, Ashley Mihle, Kaitlyn Welzen, Janet Thoman, Jay Blazey, Kris Adair, Nate Fleming, Nehemias Chalma, Jeff West, Reingard Rieger, Anthony Brocato, Liv Johansson, Fawn Wilson (AMI) and CEO Melissa Schwab (AMI). **Absent** was Troy Lautenbach, Jan Allen, Michelle Andrews and Michele Riggs

### Meeting called to order at 10:34 am

- Intros all; 2 new board members; Anthony Brocato for Elizabeth Szorad and Liv Johansson alternate for Kaitlyn Welzen
- February 2021 Minutes accepted

**CFOT updates:** Kaitlyn Welzen; CFOT committee has been meeting, moving along with planning. Discussed keeping class size the same, 40 students. De-centralized approach to the hands-on portion. Pre-registration spread out across the state. Straight forward same as past years survey to ask operators on how to make it happen Nate sent it out. That and survey info. what this might look like. Where people are located; Kaitlyn presents locations; Natural Selections Farm, Dirt Hugger, Cedar Grove Everett/Maple Valley, Silver Springs, and Olympic Organics. Natural Selections Farm has agreed, and several are potential host. Looking at half day and full day options; tours and hands-on. All still up in the air and a lot of unknowns, pre-recorded videos are the other option for tours. Friday; wrap-up and exam, panels, and networking. Test will be online. Need volunteers and positions filled still, the more we have the better. Moving forward and logistics are right on schedule. Registration out and open in May.

**Webinars updates:** Ashley Mihle; all board members responsible to find a speaker for a webinar; 1<sup>st</sup> webinar this week; Speaker is Mary Harrington. Webinar task force met, and people signed up for topics and moved some around but contacted you. Biggest thing was taking topics that are potentially useful for CFOT and do those this summer so available for CFOT if needed, what's next; to get at least the month and title of webinar and maybe a few brief descriptions of the topic so Melissa can get the bundle option out to all. Reminder to add to the google document and let Melissa know when it is added. Use the speaker hand-out/outline to collect all materials. A Tuesday – Thursday at noon is a good time and day. Once you have it send a calendar invite to Melissa to hold the date. Reminder 1-2 weeks prior check in with speaker and Melissa. SPU sponsor the webinar series for \$1000; special registration code for sponsors at n/c. Unlimited sponsors can attend.

**Membership updates:** Dan Corum; not much to report, money for campaign talk to Dan if interested in leading.

**Newsletter:** Ashley Mihle; Quarterly Newsletter is about to go out. Reminder if you see anything you want to add or updated, let Ashley or Melissa.

**Website/SM:** Nate Fleming; reviewing the website and AMI and Melissa doing a great job keeping current. Anything you need or want on the website email them to Nate. Reminder; board headshots send to Melissa if you have not. Reminder; we have a Facebook page, look at it and it is a good resource. Let Dan Corum know if you have any post you want posted.

**Testing for PFAS:** Mary Harrington reported no legislative or rules in place but reminder no certified testing for PFAS but a lot of discussion and a reminder be aware of it. It is everywhere and in a lot of things. Ashley sent link to all.

**Legislative:** Mary Harrington and Jay Blazey reported compost bill never got hearing but what came about was a study but it was funded senate & the house. Expect to get it in the final budget; WSU handling the study. The study is focused on carbon benefits of compost application and trying to quantify that better. Other component is about a tracking system for city and counties to monitor their compost usage from facilities. The Two components and hopefully it passes. Jay will send final version if/when he gets it. Admissions study; no updates since last meeting.

**Financials:** Kate Kurtz reported; Balance sheet vs. previous year 17k in checking and \$48k in reserves; lower than last year but expected; 2-3 months operating in bank. Given our general operating budget, overall will be good. P&L; membership dues income \$18k to date. Other income will be coming in; CFOT and webinars. Expenses; bank fees, all admin. and NW Biosolids Library.

#### **New Business:**

#### **Action Items:**

- ✓ Add sponsor option to webinar flash
- ✓ Board headshots to Melissa
- ✓ Continue to watch updates on PFAS & Legislative

**The meeting was adjourned at 12:26 pm**