Minutes of Board Meeting Thursday, June 23, 2022



Participants: Dan Corum, Liv Johansson, Kate Kurtz, Nate Fleming, Scott Deatherage, Mary Harrington, Janet Thoman, Reingard Rieger, Dave Kenney, Logan Harvey, Bob Barrows, Wendy Weiker
Absent: Katie Kennedy, Jan Allen, Troy Lautenbach and Nehemias Chalma, Jeff West, Andy Smith, Michael Houseman
Staff: Melissa Schwab and Brooke Galloway (AMI).

Meeting called to order at 10:32 am

Liv Johansson gave welcome and read WORC anti-trust statement. Provided introduction to new Executive Director Brooke Galloway.

Soil for Salmon: Liv Johansson; Working on updated logo and providing presentations during certification to construction teams.

Marketing: Liv Johansson; currently working on the newsletter and planning to have the final edits to Melissa by end of day. Liv asked for content for the next newsletter to be sent to her and encouraged content on facility and member highlights.

Webinars: Liv Johansson; reported that they have been going well. They have had good attendance with the exception of the last webinar. This could have been due to a lack of availability or the time of the year. There are two more webinars coming up, Sustainable Farms in July and PFAS in August. Would like strong marketing to promote attendance.

Annual Conference: Scott Deatherage; reported that the location center has been secured for November 10-12th and that they have solidified their sponsorship levels and will work with the office to promote them. The schedule is coming together and workshops and tours are as well. Conference will open for speakers and programs soon. Recommended that the July webinar speaker be suggested for the conference. There are currently four open time slots for presenters, and reported that Tilth likes to send out speaker and sponsor requests simultaneously. Email for speakers and sponsors is ready for final edits.

Membership: Reported that they have 23 members and have not lost any in the past month. Reported that they have 293 prospective members and 5 of them in the last month became members.

Legislative: Mary Harrington; 1799 passed and a lot of work has gone on since then. Lots of ambiguity on the bill given its concise message. 1663 has also passed. Reported that sessions are over.

COFT: Reported that things are going well and that they are in the final stages of outreach to the speakers. Doug with WSU has been integral in guiding the meetings. Two scholarship spaces still available, asked board to promote if they know a good candidate.

Bylaws and Board Election: Wendy spoke on engagement in safety, sustainability and mitigating climate action with Republic Services. Spoke to the long history in industry and believes in systems changes and doing the work. Discussed a need to increase the board of directors number to 17 members. They bylaws currently state that the board can have 16 members from Washington State and 2 from out of state but in the Pacific Northwest.

A motion was made by Scott Deatherage to amend article Section 4.2.1 to be updated to: Up to sixteen positions will be filled by members from Washington State, two positions will be filled by a member from any state within the Pacific Northwest. Mary Harrington seconded. All in favor, no abstentions. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Scott Deatherage to accept Wendy as the new WORC board member. Liv Johansson seconded. All in favor, no abstentions. Motion passed.

Treasurer Report: Scott Deatherage; reported that financials look great with net positive income and the balance sheet showing improvement over the previous year. Membership dues have come in strong. CFOR doesn't have revenue at this time, but what came in this month will show in the next meeting. Reported that webinar revenue has been strong as well as attendance and sponsorship.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:12 am