

TCS Board of Directors Conference Call

July 30, 2014

Draft Minutes

Attendance: TCS President Lisa Schiavinato, TCS Treasurer Mo Lynch, TCS Secretary Sheldon, TCS Directors Andy Bohlander, Tom Bigford, Chris Ellis, Tony MacDonald, Matt Nixon, Brian Smith, TCS Executive Director Judy Tucker

Secretary's Report (Sheldon)

Approval of June 29, 2014 Board of Directors meeting minutes

Suggested changes: none

Motion (Lisa), Second (Tom): to approve the June 29, 2014 Board of Directors meeting minutes

Vote: 9 in favor, 2 not voting. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report (Lynch)

- \$2,500 from T&F sent to RAE for summit
 - Check cut for Third Space
 - Projections will be included for future calls
 - Post-Summit payouts will likely take about a month
 - **ACTION: Lisa to follow-up with Jeff Benoit re: Summit payouts**

Revised Mission Statement (Smith)

- Brian mentioned he further revised the mission statement based on a conversation with Caitlyn McCrary, and thanked all that had provided feedback
- Mission and vision could be more specific; management is in the mission but not vision and while we want to appeal to coastal managers, we do not want to alienate those who are other coastal professionals
- Suggested to drop "management" from mission statement
- Former mission ("addressing coastal issues") vs. new mission ("advancing network of coastal professionals..."); does this need to go out for a more formal discussion/approval among membership
- The statement focuses on professionals because this is what was chosen at the retreat; a bit more focused than coastal issues broadly

- Diversity addressed in vision statement
- Mo suggested removing “coastal” to end of both mission and vision statements.
- Suggested revision to mission: Advancing the network of professionals dealing with critical coastal issues.
- Suggested revision to vision: A diverse network of dedicated professionals working together to engage stakeholders in meaningful dialog around critical issues.
- **ACTION: Brian will make revisions based on discussion and Lisa will disseminate to Board for review and then an e-vote.**

Committee Restructure Draft Plan (Schiavinato)

Approval of draft plan

- Lisa, Tony, Mo, and Judy worked on this and sent to committee chairs post-retreat
- Tony recommends Partnerships Committee be integrated into Program Initiatives Committee; prefers not to have many committees with overly-discreet missions
- Chris is also in favor of lumping committees where there are natural overlaps
- Judy suggested recommending adding bullet to Development Committee to identify partners; these are very different skill sets
- Executive, Nominating, and Finance Committees merged as a result of the restructure
- Development might still contain some membership elements
- Mo suggests placeholders for certain committee tasks that may be eventually handed off to the Executive Director, budget-permitting
- **ACTION: Lisa et al. will edit Program Initiatives (including Partnership Subcommittee), Career Development, Development, and Executive, ask committee chairs to review again, and send to board for approval.**

Timeline to implement

- Recommended that this be initiated when a new president is in place
- By-laws will need to be changed

Goals Timeline Updates (All)

- CSO (MacDonald)
 - Mary Munsen interested in a collaboration
 - Needs to be aligned with their strategic priorities
 - Interested in linking more with student intern partnerships

- Regular regional meetings of program managers may be a partnership opportunity; potential role in annual NOAA coastal managers meeting, though regional focus may be more productive; likely a 2015 timeframe
- CSC certification training partnerships; need to approach them about this
- CERF (Bigford)
 - Plans to coordinate with CERF leadership to review 2013 partnership and develop ideas for a joint participation in CERF2015
 - Need to think about the joint objectives that will cement this partnership, as with all potential partnerships
- AFS (Bigford)
 - Overlapping national opportunities with CSO and CERF, but Tom has had several discussions with AFS NE division
 - Challenge in joint event will be a theme that interests members from each organization
 - Hurricane Sandy, working waterfronts, coastal fisheries may be options
 - Timeframe might work for summer meeting in June 2015
- **ACTION: Tom and Tony will continue moving forward with the discussions and planning, and development of a joint statement of interest or general principles for MOU's.**

Executive Director Work Plan (All)

Allocation of hours for July 1-December and shortfalls

- This is for Board information to see where Judy is directed to put her time and where the shortfalls may be
- Recommendations to fill the gaps welcome

Next Steps and Action Items

Meeting adjourned at 3 pm. Next meeting on August 26 at 2 pm EDT