

TCS Board of Directors Conference Call

August 26, 2014

Draft Minutes

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

Absent: Susan Farady, Chad Nelsen

Secretary's Report (Sheldon)

Approval of July 30, 2014 Board of Directors meeting minutes

Suggested changes: none

Motion (Mo), Second (Tom): to approve the July 30, 2014 Board of Directors meeting minutes

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

Treasurer's Report (Lynch)

- Money for SGA student awards (\$200) came in
- \$2,500 from Taylor & Francis for Summit sponsorship and exhibit paid out
- 4 total student awards for Summit: 2 posters and 2 papers
- \$2,000 expended for Third Space Studio services
- Most of conference expenditures will be covered by Summit income in a separate budget. The conference net is shown in the TCS Budget.
- The Percent of Budget column can be used to track and forecast the financial position.
- Mo made the point that the Summit may be a good place for membership renewal
- Judy recommended that new members joining at the Summit be given the membership from that date through December 2015.

Revised Mission Statement (Smith)

- Revised mission statement based on discussion from July call
- Goal 1- Support a continuous pipeline of talented *coastal* professionals by offering relevant networking, leadership development, and information sharing opportunities
- Goal 2- Identify key *coastal* issues and venues to foster dialog and partnerships with stakeholders
- No other revisions

- Motion (Tom), Second (Mo): to approve the mission statement with aforementioned edits. 9 in favor, 2 not voting. Motion passed.

Partnership Updates (Bigford, MacDonald)

- NE Division/Southern New England Chapter of AFS interested in pursuing a joint regional meeting in spring 2015 (see document); co-sponsored by Taylor and Francis Publishers
 - Needs further development but sample agenda included
 - Working waterfronts might be a good topic to focus on
 - Revenue sharing will be proposed to come from an increased registration fee and increased attendance.
- CERF is in progress; by 9/12 we have to send them suggestions for TCS role in their fall 2015 meeting
 - Reaching out to TCS members involved with 2013 CERF meeting for additional input on experience and for suggestions of people on West Coast to involve
 - Technical session on a topic germane to both organizations
 - Chris will speak to Geno Olmi about this opportunity
- CSO
 - There is some confusion as to whether the meeting in Astoria is still on the table for an event similar to what was hosted in DC
 - Lisa will email Paul Ticco for further discussion

Membership Restructure Draft Plan (Lynch, Smith, Nixon)

- Bylaws changes for a vote at Summit the goal
- Mo mentioned a joint membership with other societies having the reduced subscription fee for the journal, but do we want to reserve that benefit for full members only?
- Memberships at the institutional and corporate levels need additional benefits to be appealing
- For the long-term health of the organization, a more formal membership requirement and relationship with the student chapters is an option
Draft document to Board by September 19 for discussion on September 23 Board call; October 31 deadline for membership to send proxy vote to Lisa (Actual vote will be conducted at the TCS Annual Meeting)

Fall 2014 Elections (Schiavinato)

- Lisa, Chris, and Susannah on the Nominations Committee
- President, President-elect, and 3 Board seats coming up for election
 - Discussed reducing total term of office for President from 2 years to 1 year
 - Requires a bylaws change if Board wants to move in this direction

- In affect this cycle or next?
- This would reduce total commitment (President-elect, President, and Past President) from 6 years to 3 years
- A reduction would potentially translate to some loss of efficiency as people are moved through offices.
- We can add language to call for nominations indicating this is contingent upon bylaws amendment approval
- Call for nominations to go to membership today. Judy to send nominations for recruitment to Lisa, Chris, or Susannah

Coastal Management Special Issue

- Call for abstracts for papers and for reviewers to be sent to TCS members and RAE list this week. Responses will go to Tom.
- Bohlander and Fletcher have volunteered to be reviewers.

Next Steps and Action Items

- Need to flesh out times for a potential Board meeting; currently looking at Sunday morning November 2 for a ½ day.
- Annual giving campaign pending; Lisa is reaching out to committee chairs for assistance in leading

Meeting adjourned at 3 pm. Next meeting on September 23 at 2 pm EDT