

SASD - Sullivan Alliance for Sustainable Development

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors on Tuesday February 10, 2015

6:30 PM at Apple Pond Farm in Callicoon Center, NY

ATTENDANCE

Board members in attendance: Kathie Aberman, Michael Chojnicki, Isaac Green Diebboll, Dick Riseling.

Board members absent with notice: Bruce Ferguson, Linda Reik, Roy Tedoff, Jill Wiener.

Board members absent without notice: None.

Also present: SASD Co-Executive Directors Carol Roig and Stephen Stuart

A meeting notice was sent to all board members in accordance with the Bylaws.

The meeting was called to order at 6:32PM. The attendees did not constitute a quorum.

Board President Michael Chojnicki outlined the agenda for the meeting.

Absent a quorum, approval of the minutes for the October 28, 2014 meeting was deferred.

Order of Business

1. Board member reinstatement

Absent a quorum, reinstatement of Michael Chojnicki, Bruce Ferguson and Kathie Aberman was deferred.

2. Committees Restructuring and Updates (In Compliance with the Bylaws):

Absent full Board participation, committee appointments were deferred. Michael noted that Linda has expressed interest in serving on the Outreach & Education and Grant writing committees.

Standing Committees (Committees of the Board)

- a) Executive Committee (Michael Chojnicki) – The Watson/West legal aid and grant has lapsed. Michael tried contacting them on numerous occasions over the past few months with no success.
- b) Finance Committee
 - The Co-Executive Directors presented a report on 2014 income and expenditures, and a 2015 budget with projected income and expenditures.
 - The Co-Executive Directors are working with Cooper Arias to complete all outstanding tax re-filings and make sure SASD receives all refunds and reimbursements. Stephen is keeping the books using Quickbooks, and will make all tax filings. Doing this in-house will save \$1,000 in fees.
 - First quarter payment of the County contract has been received.
- c) Audit Committee – (Bruce Ferguson) no action needed at this time.
- d) Personnel Committee – No Report
- e) Nominating Committee (Dick Riseling)

Discussion: Board is now at 8 members. Dick will reach out to three additional candidates suggested by Isaac. Carol will provide the most recent informational materials ("About SASD" fact sheet and Strategic Plan) for Dick to share with prospective board members.

Ad Hoc Committees (Committees of the Corporation)

f) Fund Raising Committee (Kathie Aberman)

All thank you letters for 2014 fundraising have been sent.

g) Strategic Planning Committee – no current business.

h) Outreach and Education Committee – (Isaac Green Diebboll)

Discussion: 2015 educational events and workshops.

- Solar workshops in connection with CMK's Solarize project or independently. Co-Executive Directors will meet with CMK to discuss their expectations. Previously scheduled meetings have been cancelled due to winter storms.
- The Weather Project—Co-Executive Directors reported on NACL's plans for a travelling version of the Weather Project show and SASD's Water Symposium plans.
 - NACL has asked SASD to help them strengthen the ideas presented in the play for addressing and avoiding the worst impacts of climate change.
 - SASD will lead after-show audience discussions as possible as the show tours regionally.
 - Our initial letter of intent to the Rauschenberg Foundation did not move to the full proposal stage. We will scale back plans to focus on an August Symposium with a focus on all aspects of water, with artistic collaboration from NACL, and at least one additional event building on the idea of an outdoor, participatory event. The Delaware Company has been approached; they have suggested we also contact Time and the Valleys Museum for support on the symposium events.
- Isaac is interested in moving forward with the "Healthy Firehouse" initiative. Carol and Stephen will pursue a meeting with County Public Health staff to move this project forward.

i) Grantwriting (Carol Roig)

- Co-Executive Directors will continue to explore funding options for the Symposium, including grants and sponsorships.
- Veatch approach is being revised to emphasize addressing climate change holistically, in ways that guarantee that underserved populations have access to best practices for energy retrofits, renewable energy opportunities, community-owned power, and associated economic opportunities.
- Co-Executive Directors sought the Board's advice and assistance with a new USDA Grant (2-year grant up to \$100,000) for the design of R.E. Systems and energy audits (brought to their attention by Melinda Medaugh)Meddaugh
- Joint Application with County, CFA Applications for the S.C. Buildings Space and Energy Study has not been awarded.

3. Contracts and other opportunities

- Towns of Bethel and Lumberland have included SASD in their 2015 budgets, to serve as their Climate Smart Communities Coordinators for 2015. Co-Executive Directors have signed a letter of agreement with Bethel. Sue Gregg of Lumberland is heading their committee; Gordon Smith has just performed an energy audit of their historic town hall, and will return to do an audit of

their municipal building. Carol and Stephen met with the Bethel Green committee on January 29th, and have reviewed and provided comments on the energy audit performed by L&S Energy Services. SASD hosted a meeting in Bethel on February 6th that brought together representatives of Bethel, Delaware, Highland, Lumberland and Tusten to meet with the consulting team from VHB engineering, regional coordinators for the CSC program.

- NY Prize: Carol, Stephen and Dick attended a presentation by NYSERDA announcing this new opportunity for feasibility studies leading to the creation of micro-grids. This would seem to be an excellent match for the Liberty Energy District project, although it would require an expansion in scope and stakeholders. Carol and Stephen presented preliminary information to the Ag and Sustainability Committee on Tuesday, February 10th. The RFP will be issued in the next month or so.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM. Motion by Isaac, seconded by Dick. Unanimously agreed.
Next Board Meeting TBA. The Board needs to locate a new venue, as the SCVA space is no longer available.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Roig, acting as Secretary for this meeting.