

ORNCC Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
January 24, 2010  
Eugene, OR

Present: Gary Baran, Steve Blechman, Chuck Powers, Fred Sly  
Guest: Lynne Baran (for part of the meeting)

1. The meeting began at 2:10 pm
2. Steve agreed to facilitate and Gary agreed to serve as secretary for the meeting.
3. Chuck offered a prayer that what we do today works out for the highest good of all concerned. We shared a moment of silence. Fred expressed a wish that others are inspired by the harmonies they sense among us.
4. We each checked in.
5. The Board minutes of 12/06/09 were approved as corrected.
6. We agreed by consensus to include Fred as a voting member of the Board and that action taken with Fred as a voting member is provisional upon his confirmation by the Governing Council as a Board Member.
7. Officers for 2010 were elected as follows:
  - a. Chuck Powers, Treasurer
  - b. Fred Sly, Secretary
  - c. Steve Blechman, President
  - d. Gary Baran, Vice President
8. Steve reported that the Governing Council was aware of the Board meeting date (today) but there has been no response from the Governing Council about the matter of adding new board members. **Steve will continue to follow up on this, forwarding our meeting minutes to Michael and asking the Governing Council to confirm Board members for this year at least a week before our next board meeting. Steve will also ask if the Governing Council has approved the changes in the Bylaws that were forwarded following the last Board meeting and ask Michael Dreiling if there is a willingness on the part of the Governing Council to explore how we can make our relationship with the Governing Council more effective.**
9. Treasurer's report--The Board accepted the report as distributed. **Chuck agreed to send an electronic copy of the report to be attached to the minutes.** (See accompanying document dated January 22, 2010) Chuck expressed concern that our voice mail was not being answered and suggested we might want to discontinue this service. **Fred said that as part of his role as Secretary he would be willing to answer these calls and agreed to do so. He will also report back to the Board at least quarterly about these calls.**
10. The Board signed the contract with Fred Sly regarding the prison project. (A copy of the contract accompanies these minutes.)
11. The Board filled out cards to acknowledge former members of the Board. Steve agreed to speak with Michael about acknowledging former members of the Governing Council.
12. The Board agreed to meet as follows during the remainder of 2010:  
Saturday, February 20 by phone  
Sunday, March 20 (evening) and 21 in Portland  
Sunday, April 25 in Portland  
Saturday, May 22 by phone

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Sunday, June 27 in Eugene  
Saturday, July 24 by phone  
Sunday, August 22 in Portland  
Saturday, September 25 by phone  
Sunday, October 24 in Eugene  
Saturday, November 20 by phone  
Sunday, December 19 in Portland

13. Chuck spoke about his exchange between himself and Steve Allen Smith and issues related to NVC materials inventory and sales. Chuck reported that Joe Mitchell has now assumed responsibility for the materials in the Portland area and that Chuck and Joe took inventory of the materials and are working out procedures for handling them. Chuck has not yet connected with Karen Booth in Eugene about materials in Eugene. Chuck also reported that, in looking through the materials that Steve Allen Smith had, Chuck found a stack of credit card slips from the September 2008 Nonviolence as a Way of Life conference that had not been processed, so ORNCC lost significant income on this. He said it is too late to process these now, but we agreed that perhaps the customers could be sent a request for payment even at this late date. **Chuck will contact Sparrow to let her know that we discovered these uncollected charges and to ask if she would be willing to oversee (perhaps for an hourly fee or some percentage of what is collected) collecting these funds. The Board authorized Chuck to negotiate such a payment with Sparrow.**

Chuck said there are three parts to the ORNCC program for educational materials and referred us to the ORNCC website for an outline of this program which consists of offering materials to local trainers, providing materials at local events (volunteer tabling), and donating NVC materials to public libraries.

Chuck summarized the current relationship and agreements he has with Joe Mitchell. This includes having a safe place to store materials; Joe's agreement to be available to receive requests to sell or table, and to check things in/out of inventory; Joe's availability for quarterly in person inventory with Chuck; and Joe's agreement to collect money and get it to Chuck in a timely manner. What is currently missing is to be able to accept credit card charges, although ORNCC does have a Pay Pal account, and money can be transferred from that to our checking account (with a fee of about 3% for doing this).

**Chuck will report to the Board at its next meeting on the current status of our educational material sales program.**

14. Chuck said that ORNCC has several databases. One consists of just email addresses for the ORNCC e newsletter. We still have an old database on our web host that contains names, mailing addresses and phone numbers, that has not been recently used or managed. This database includes information about the Fall 2008 conference attendees. We agreed that we would like to find (possibly volunteer) support to update and maintain these databases but do not yet have clarity about how to proceed with this.

15. The Board briefly discussed quality control regarding NVC training. One idea we had is to ask CNVC certified trainers to discuss this issue and make recommendations to ORNCC related to it.

16. The Board discussed the vision and mission of ORNCC and agreed on the following goals for 2010.

- a. Improve our ability to disseminate educational materials by finding volunteers to help with this in areas where that is not yet the case, and providing orientation for those volunteers.
- b. Training coordination--increase support in various areas besides Portland, e.g. by

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making the Eugene email list functional and (with volunteer help) restarting the local newsletter (with volunteer help).

- c. Project support: publicize and ask for support for the prison project; let people know that we can offer support for other projects they may wish to launch.
- d. Attract people to serve as ORNCC board members, especially people from areas not already represented.
- e. Keep website up to date.
- f. See what CNVC certified trainers in Oregon might like to do to generate interest in NVC and what they would like from ORNCC in the way of support for doing this.
- g. Sponsor a gathering of NVC trainers in Oregon to explore how we can more effectively work together to spread NVC, especially when Marshall is no longer providing the focus of our work and we are seeking to provide leadership as a community of those who represent NVC consciousness and skills.
- h. Remind trainers to send contact information for workshop participants to CNVC.

17. Proposed agenda item for our next Board meeting: We agreed to discuss who we want to sit on the Board of Directors of ORNCC for 2011 and actions we could take toward that objective.

18. Check out; the meeting adjourned at 8 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gary Baran, Acting Secretary