

ORNCC Board of Directors Meeting in Eugene November 13, 2011
Minutes

Present: Gary Baran, Steve Blechman, Sally Marie
Absent: Gray Moen, Chuck Powers
Guest: Judy Rintoul

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 am, followed by a remembering & check in.

Review of action items from September meeting:

1. *Anything new to report about Chuck's and Tim's work on producing a rough draft of a strategic marketing plan for sponsoring trainings?* Chuck emailed Gary that he and Tim put this initiative on hold until the new board is in place. If there is support and enthusiasm for ORNCC sponsoring trainings, this initiative could be revised.
2. *Did Judy send the board a conference call number we can use as a backup for meetings if Skype fails?* Judy has already sent this to Chuck. **Judy agreed to send this information to all board members.**
3. *ORNCC voicemail account: Chuck will review expenses associated with this service, review options for voicemail service, and report back with options by the October meeting. Gary will continue to check messages periodically .Done.* Gary is seeking some additional information before deciding how to handle this. It's also possible we may want to eliminate having an organizational phone number altogether. **We agreed to take this up again in December meeting.**
4. *Discussion of charging (\$5) for website listings: As an alternative, Gary will draft a letter soliciting donations from those who post trainings and practice groups on the website. He will send the draft letter to the Board members for feedback (suggestions for editing), and it will go out in October to trainers and practice group leaders. Done (Chuck reported that ORNCC received \$200 from 2 donors in response to our solicitation.).*
5. *We discussed pros and cons of a proposal to change the term on ORNCC board from one to two years. Gary agreed to contact the Governing Council members to see what they think about this idea. Done*
6. *Chuck will give Gary the passwords for the website so we have greater redundancy in administration. Done*

Treasurer's report (sent previously)

Old Business:

1. Response from GC to request for input about possibly changing term of board members to two years (Gary). We do not plan to pursue this matter further at this time.

New Business:

1. Chuck Powers' status on the board: Steve reported on a recent discussion he had with Chuck, who has expressed his desire to leave the board at the end of the year but who has offered to continue providing services to ORNCC.

The board is grateful to Chuck for his many contributions to ORNCC and asks for his help in transitioning to having others taking on the various roles he has been playing. **Gary will request that Chuck provide us with a list of all he has been doing for ORNCC so we can be sure that all of those roles are filled.**

2. Schedule January meeting/location and date –Tentative-Sun January 15 location TBA (either Portland or Corvallis)—**At the December meeting we will check with Chris Riehle to be sure he is available on that day**
3. **Discussion of website update: Tabled to the December meeting.**
4. End of year fundraising letter—**Within the next week Steve and Gary will draft a letter (including a request for feedback about how we can better serve the NVC community, improve website, etc.) to be sent to iour email list. This will be forwarded to Chuck to be sent by Thanksgiving.**
5. Preparing for possible relationship with OPP. In response to Fred Sly's expressed desire to meet with the ORNCC board in December to discuss the relationship between ORNCC and OPP, **Steve will ask Fred Sly for a written proposal at least two weeks prior to the December meeting.**
6. Possible project ideas that Judy has been exploring:
 - (1) Using NVC with families and children (schools, etc.); Judy willing to do writing, developing volunteer group in this area.
 - (2) Politics—Is there a way that NVC could facilitate conversations with people of opposing viewpoints? Judy would be willing to help organize panels, town hall meetings, etc.
 - (3) Larger community of NVC people in the state—maybe annual statewide meeting, with pot luck, speakers, etc. OSU has a new center for positive psychology. Perhaps that could sponsor something like this.**Judy agreed to email to the board some written material about these ideas.**
7. Check out and adjourned 3:05 pm.

Action items in boldface.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary Baran, Secretary