

**ORNCC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 9, 2013, VIA SKYPE**

Present: Gary Baran, Steve Blechman, Sally Marie

1. The meeting began at 10:08 am, followed by a check in.

2. Action items from prior meetings:

a. John has been in touch with Craig about a problem with the website which requires Craig to manually copy data.. John agreed to report back to the board about progress on this task. DONE

b. Integrating mailing lists--Steve will ask Craig to address this matter and be sure we have one integrated (and dynamically updated) email list for our use. DONE—The Board learned that with the current website we cannot prevent double and triple messages but would like the new website to allow for this control.

c. Update regarding the name change of the Ohio organization and Lisa-Marie's request for board action about this. Gary will continue to explore possibilities regarding this and keep the other board members updated about developments. DONE (and see old business item below)

d. Response to Fred Sly's latest email regarding relationship between ORNCC and OPP: Gary will send a draft response to the board for approval DONE

e. Website development project--scheduled for discussion at special meeting on October 20th from 3 to 5 pm: John will provide additional input, ideas and recommendations for next steps and Steve will take part via Skype. DONE John will email the board a link to a website (that has an event systems) for the board to review. DONE. As a result of this meeting, John agreed to provide the board with a written summary of what we are seeking and a proposal for his continuing role, to be reviewed by the board; and to provide this information by November 3rd. DONE.

f. Sally will send an email to certified trainers to see if they might be interested in taking part in a statewide (OST based) gathering sometime between late January and late March 2014. This has not yet been done because it is not yet clear if ORNCC will sponsor such an event. There has been no response to date to Sally's email those on the mailing list asking if someone would be willing to coordinate such an event. (See below under Old Business for a revised plan.)

g. Steve will ask Joe if he would be willing to organize a community meeting in Portland. NOT DONE. Steve will do this within the next week. Sally (with help from Gary) will send note to network asking if others would be interested in coordinating local gatherings and what support they would need from ORNCC to make them successful. DONE

h. Sally will check with Selene Aitken to see if she is still interested in joining the board. DONE

i. In the October 20th board meeting, Sally agreed to write a letter to the network asking if anyone would be willing to coordinate a state wide winter gathering in Salem (like last year but using Open Space Technology) or to coordinate a local gathering in his or her community (with ORNCC support), and to invite input from those in the network related to the project of creating a new website. DONE

3. Treasurer's Report—Gary reported on accounting help he is getting from Chuck Powers.

4. Old Business—

a. Update on adding new board members –Sally will send an email this week to members of the Governing Council about Selene rejoining the Board and offer to provide whatever additional information the GC needs to authorize this.

b. Update on the issue related to the Ohio NVC group name—Sally will do the final editing of her letter to Linda O'Connor (agreeing to a conference call) and, after approved by other board members, send the letter to her.

c. Update on plans for ORNCC sponsored gatherings in 2014 (see 5 c below)—Sally reported that she has spoken with Fred Sly about the ideas he had for these, including inviting out of state trainers to be featured in such gathering. (See also Fred’s email to Sally that she forwarded to other board members on Nov. 14, 2103.) Costs would presumably include renting a facility and providing some compensation for the trainers. The board discussed pros and cons of various approaches including topic related and open space gatherings, as well as Mary Hansel’s suggestion about biomimicry and interdependence. Because it would keep costs down and require a minimum of planning, the Board prefers a topic-based gathering using open space, at least initially, and we think we may be able to get a space at no cost. We would like to know if the Oregon area (certified) trainers would like to offer a half or whole day workshop somewhere in Oregon on a topic that is alive for them; ORNCC would provide a venue and handle promotion and registration. ***Sally will draft a letter with this invitation for Steve and Gary to review, and will also ask Sarah Peyton (newly certified trainer) to post her picture and bio on the ORNCC website if she has not already done so.***

d. Update on website planning process—The Board was unable to reach John Abbe by phone for an update. Sally left a message for John. When John returns her call, ***Sally will remind him that we need an outline of the specifications for the project so we can proceed to a bidding process. Sally will keep Steve and Gary updated about John’s response.***

5. New Business

a. Request from M. Dreiling for funding support for peace film—An anonymous donor has pledged \$500 to ORNCC in support of this film fund and the board agreed to match this with \$500 from its treasury. ***So ORNCC will be contributing \$1000 to the film fund. DONE***

b. Year-end appeal for funds for ORNCC—***Sally will revise the draft Gary provided and, after approval by the board, will send this to the entire email list***

c. The Board discussed the following proposed 2014 board meeting schedule (meeting every other month in person in Eugene and other months via Skype, and on the 3rd Sunday of each month).

Jan 19 Eugene
Feb 18 S
Mar 16 Eugene
Apr 20 S
May 18 Eugene
June 15 S
July 20 Eugene
Aug 17 S
Sept 21 Eugene
Oct 19 S
Nov 16 Eugene
Dec 21 S

The Board agreed to schedule the January 19, 2014 (in person) meeting in Eugene and will consider the other dates at a later time.

6. The meeting adjourned at 12:15 pm to Sunday Dec 15th that meeting to be via Skype, beginning at 3pm (?). Gary will invite Selene to this meeting and also inform her about the Jan 19 meeting in Eugene. Gary will also seek input from Selene about the Skype meeting time she would prefer.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary Baran, Secretary

Action items are in bold and italics above.