

**ORNCC BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES OF MEETING OF JULY 7TH, 2013, PORTLAND, OR**

Present: Gary Baran, Steve Blechman, Sally Marie

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:57 am, followed by a check in.
2. The Board accepted, with reluctance, Louis Velarde's resignation from the Board.
3. Action items from prior meetings:
 - a. Website Development: Louis agreed to connect with Craig Hennecke and Adam Dopkin about the website, listen to their ideas, and bring his feedback (including cost estimates for work that could be done) to the April 7th board meeting. He will also see if Adam can join that meeting via Skype and if so, will get Adam's Skype address. Board members agreed to make a list of what we would want on the website. Louis will see if he can find a room in Portland with a projector set up that will enable us to look at various websites on a large screen. Louis agreed to ask Adam if our having an improved website could be used effectively to facilitate sharing this kind of information. **NOT DONE. The Board agreed that it still wants to take steps to upgrade the website. Sally will invite John Abbe to consult with us about this at our August 11th meeting..**
 - b. Steve agreed to contact Steve Solomon (by the July meeting), who signed up at the January gathering under "outreach and promotion," to ask if he'd help with the September event. DONE. (Steve Solomon won't be able to take part.)
 - c. Sally will draft and, following the next board meeting, will send a message to network recruiting new board members. DONE
 - d. The Board agreed to authorize John Abbe to put out a Eugene newsletter. Sally will notify him about this. DONE. Sally has not heard back from him and has not received any newsletter. **Sally will ask John about this when she contacts him (see a above).**
 - e. **September event: Steve will ask Joe Mitchell to bring all of the educational materials he has to the gathering. Steve will include this in his announcements about the event. Steve will post announcements between now and the event: one to be sent soon, one a month before the event and one a week before. These will include a link to directions to the site. We will offer free frozen yoghurt as well as ice cream at the event. Steve will ask Craig to email information about the event to all certified trainers in Washington State and California. Steve will follow up on this during the coming week..**
 - f. Gary and Sally will draft a message to the network making clear some of the board's needs and offering opportunities for people in the network to contribute. This will include our need for support to create a more effective website, and a request for ideas and recommendations of people with the requisite expertise who could help us get this done. We would like ORNCC and its website to be inclusive, efficient and effective in supporting the creation of NVC communities and connections. The draft message will be sent to other board members for approval (DONE) and then sent out to the network DONE.
3. Treasurer's Report— 2nd quarter report; Gary said he is compiling a list of predictable annual recurring expenses (mailbox rental fee, website hosting and maintenance expenses, taxes, etc.) which will help us create an annual budget.
4. Old Business—
 - a. Update on September event—**Steve will make a list of tasks that need to be done in connection with the event.**
5. New Business
 - a. Time frame issues related to nominations of new board members: **Sally agreed to bring to the September event copies of the procedure for how people can be nominated to the board..**

- b. Update on NAACP Training: the training will be held on August 17th at the Jazz Station in Eugene; proceeds will go to the Eugene-Springfield chapter of the NAACP. Each participant will receive a complimentary copy of the Marshall's book, which ORNCC will donate.
 - c. The Board approved Craig Hennecke's request to increase his fee to \$25/hr, as of July 1, 2013. ***Gary will inform him about that. Steve will ask Craig to write a job description of what he does, as well as see if he can make it possible for emails that get forwarded from the website to board officers to automatically have "ORNCC" indicated in the subject line.***
 - d. ***The Board will ask the Governing Council and former Board members for help in finding new board members. Sally will send out a message to this effect after we get a list of these people and their email addresses, which Steve we will ask Craig to help collect (from old board minutes).***
 - e. Brainstorming on what ORNCC can do during next couple of years: perhaps two open space events per year, plus upgrade website, occasional sponsorship of training underserved populations; Sally agreed to consider focusing an event in the coming Winter, possibly at Chemeketa Community College.
 - f. Concerns about messages from the Board getting out to people: ***Steve agreed to ask Craig to (a) send each board member the mailing list, and (b) to establish a method for testing if mailings from the board are reaching the membership; and if they are not, (c) to remedy the situation and (d) to notify the board members of actions he has taken to address this matter.***
 - g. The Board agreed that (at least part of) the functionality it would like for the website is that it allow for multiple levels of access so people are able to post their own trainings, practice groups, and other NVC activities; and that board members are able to access and use the ORNCC mailing list.
 - h. The Board would like to invite interested persons to attend board meetings.
6. The meeting adjourned at 12:05 pm until August 11th meeting in Eugene.

Action items are in bold and italics above.

**Respectfully submitted,
Gary Baran, Secretary**