

**ORNCC BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MEETING OF SEPT 29, 2013, VIA SKYPE**

**Present: Gary Baran, Steve Blechman, Sally Marie**

**Guest: John Abbe**

1. The meeting began at 3:05 pm with a check in.

**2. Action items from prior meetings:**

*(Items related to the September 7<sup>th</sup> event that were to be done before or at the event are not included, whether they were done or not.)*

*a. 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). DONE Gary will forward the draft letter to Sally who will send it to the people we have identified. DONE*

*b. 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. (a) DONE (b&c) DONE; (d) NOT DONE Steve will follow up when he next sees Craig to see if the situation has been remedied. **John has been in touch with Craig about this problem, which requires Craig to manually copy data. John might be able to fix this problem but wants to be clear about the time line for a new website to see if it's worth his time to deal with this now. After agreeing that it will take some time to create a new website the board authorized John to work with Craig to fix this problem and authorized paying John up to 5 hours at \$20/hr. for this work, fixing the community page on the ORNCC.net website. John agreed to report back to the board about progress on this task.***

*c. Steve will let Craig know that we our impression is that his proposal seems more focused on revising the current website than creating the kind of new interactive website that we would like. DONE*

*d. Gary will see if the former web master of CNVC might be able to help us move forward with this project. DONE (Kay Schwarzrock promised to get a proposal to us before our September meeting.)(see Old Business below)*

*e. Review of policy and form for requesting funding support from ORNCC, and request by Fred Sly for educational materials for OPP. Gary will send the revised versions of the policy and form to Sally and Steve; when approved Steve will ask Craig to post them on the website. The Board agreed to give OPP the DVDs we have in stock. Sally will draft a letter to Fred, for board review, indicating why we are offering only this limited support for OPP at this time. ALL DONE*

*f. 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. (This might be facilitated by a new website.)*

**3. Treasurer's Report:** update of current financial situation; Gary indicated he would still like to find more support for using Quick Books and provided Sally with an updated list of websites (and passwords) that ORNCC uses to conduct its business, including GoDaddy, which ORNCC uses to renew its domain name.

**4. Old Business—**

*a. 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.***

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

c. Update of website project: The Board discussed proposals by Sarah Steinberg, Kay Schwarzrock and Craig Hennecke, with input from John Abbe. John has reviewed these proposals which he regards as all being very different: Julie's and Kay's proposal is \$500 which gets us as far as having a clear plan. John sees this as the most realistic approach. The others gave an estimate to finish the job, which John regards as jumping the gun a lot. John suggests starting with an estimate to develop a plan, part of which would be an estimate to carry out the plan. John would start with conversations to get clear on a plan to develop a plan, starting with a conversation between the board and a web person (maybe more conversations, e.g., with trainers). John's advised specifically getting input from "breeding giraffes" so the new website serves them really well. John also suggests having one page for each region that lists regional training, practice groups and other NVC activities, and that can be updated regularly. As a result of a recent conversation he had with Michael Dreiling, John would like the board to consider including a page indicating how people are applying NVC in their lives and especially how they are using NVC in various social change projects (applied NVC, not necessarily identified as such). The website could offer the opportunity for people doing that to get together and share what they're doing and become more effective in doing this. ORNCC could help support networks of this sort, forums for discussions by groups regarding various topics and/or geographical areas. Another possibility: Database behind the website, with all information about PEOPLE in the system (CNVC has this)—and/or the website could include an EVENT system including trainings, practice groups, gatherings, etc. then could have state wide calendar, or just events in local areas. John referred the board to [connectipedia.org](http://connectipedia.org) as an example of a website that has topics, foundations, organizations and people that are in a database that can be used flexibly. The website could also include educational resources—it could just have a page that listed those things, or perhaps a database of resources that could dynamically generate lists of items. John suggested that rather than starting with a lot of interactive capacity (e.g. blog function), that we first generate interest and then build what is wanted in response to emerging interests. We could have links to forums via Yahoo or Google groups (e.g. a Yahoo group for NVC Eugene). A possible downside of this approach is that ORNCC would not own the data if we do that but this might be a good way to start and costs us nothing.

Because Board members still have many questions and John has more he would like to share about this topic, we scheduled a special meeting for further discussion about the website from 3 to 5 pm on Sunday, October 20 at Gary's home: ***John will provide additional input, ideas and recommendations for next steps and Steve will take part via Skype. John will email the board a link to a website (that has an event systems) for us to review.*** The Board agreed to pay John \$20/hr for his time in advising us on this project.

## 5. New Business

a. Debrief about September 7<sup>th</sup> NVC picnic—Steve expects to have contact with Elizabeth Call who has indicated an interest in organizing gathering of trainers. We discussed possibly sponsoring a state wide gathering sometime between late January and late March gathering, but thus far no one has stepped up to organize such an event.

***Sally will send email to certified trainers to see if they might be interested in taking part in such an event that would be relatively simple, using Open Space Technology.*** Judy Rintoul has indicated she is willing to negotiate a price for ORNCC to use Chemeketa Community College but not willing to provide overall focalization for this kind of event. After hearing responses to Sally's message to trainers, we may want to put a letter out to network asking for someone willing to be the point person for this

b. Joe Mitchell's proposal for regional gatherings: The Board agreed to it would like to help support such local/regional gatherings but needs local/regional people to take the lead in organizing these. ***Steve will ask Joe if he would be willing to organize a community meeting in Portland. 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.***

c. Update on process of adding new board members. There are no new applicants at the moment. ***Sally will check with Selene Aitken to see if she is still interested in joining the board.***

**6. The meeting Adjourned at 5:45 pm.** Date and location of next meeting to be firmed up via email or phone.

Action items are indicated with bold and italics above.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gary Baran, Secretary