

Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

March 26, 2024

12:00 p.m.

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Meeting ID: 811 5445 4627

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Quorum = 6 Directors

Quorum Met: Yes No

	Name	Position	Present
1	Bidtah N. Becker	Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2	Kari Olsen	Chair-elect / Director	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	Melinda Branin	Past Chair / Director	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	Zachary Ogaz	Secretary	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	Kristen Burby	Budget Officer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6	Steve Hernandez	Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
7	Thomas Paterson	Director	<input type="checkbox"/>
8	Yarithza Peña	Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
9	John Verheul	Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
10	Maslyn Locke	Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
11	Benjamin Rossi	YLD Liaison	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
12	Vanessa Springer	UNM Student Liaison	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
13	Adrian Oglesby	UNM Faculty	<input type="checkbox"/>

Items on every agenda:

1. Welcome Maslyn and Ben
 - a. Maslyn gave a short introduction.
 - b. Ben gave a short introduction.
2. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Following minor changes, the minutes were approved for the February NREEL Meeting.
 - i. Motion to approve from Steve Hernandez, seconded by John Verheul. Passed unopposed.
3. Financial Review
 - a. Kristen shared the updated budget and presented an overview.

- b. A vote was taken over email to spend \$400 on reserving a room for Reed Benson's retirement party, which will come from our miscellaneous budget.
 - 4. Old Business
 - a. UNM / ELS Spring Environmental Law Mixer
 - i. Vanessa Springer provided a report on the mixer on March 21, 2024. There was a good turnout and it went well.
 - ii. Vanessa noted that there would be an ELS mixer in the Fall as well.
5. New Business
 - a. CLE Update
 - i. Equity and Justice
 - 1. The NREEL board discussed covering the costs for the first 60 NREEL members who sign up.
 - a. Biddah provided an update on the cost per person of \$50.
 - 2. Biddah and Steve provided an overview of the prospective topic – water rights from an equity in justice perspective.
 - 3. Steve moved that the Board move ahead with a CLE as proposed by Lisa Henne, and cover the tuition for the first 60 NREEL section members, Kirsten seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The CLE will likely be sometime in June.
 - ii. Reed Benson
 - 1. Reed Benson will be willing presenting a CLE on stream access issues on April 23 at noon. Kristen anticipates that the NREEL Board will be asked to cover lunch. Due to the conflict with the NREEL Board meeting the next Board meeting was moved to April 30, 2024, at noon.
 - b. Reed Benson's retirement party will be at Bow & Arrow (608 McKnight Ave NW, Albuquerque, NM 87102) on April 25 in the late afternoon/evening.
 - c. The Board decided to push our summer retreat discussion to a later meeting.
6. Next Meeting Date: April 30, 2024, noon.