



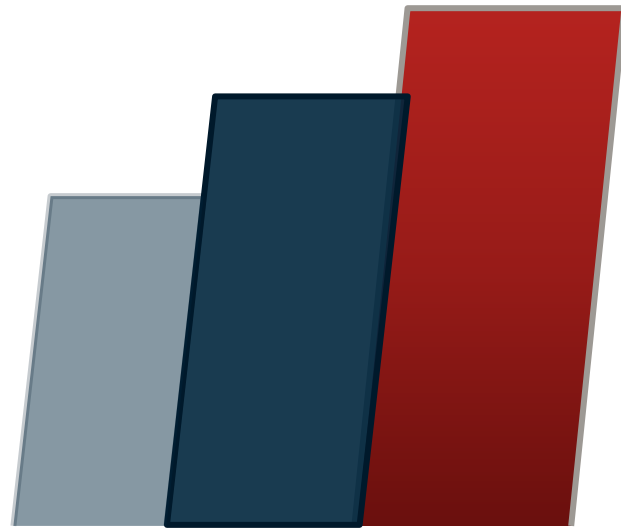
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National Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes April 8, 2024

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National Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes
April 8, 2024

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 4:02 pm ET by Board Chair Paxton Cavin.

Roll Call & Determination of Quorum

Angie Benson, stand in Secretary, read the roll call:

Devin Alexander	Angie Benson	Breezy Gutierrez	Lucy Christensen
Jeannette Barreto	Paxton Cavin	Sabrina Taylor	Andrea Sutherland
Lisa Parker	Sonya Russell	Amber Lane	

Ex Officio: Steven Mitchell

Not present: Dr. Brenda Jacobsen

Additional Attendees: BPA Staff Jonathan Smith, Ric Cowles, Patrick Schultz, Sheila Morris

Ohio Representatives: Brenna Bartlett, Matt Winkle, Michele Patrick

Quorum was established.

Welcome

Board Chair, Paxton Cavin, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Agenda

Motion to approve agenda by Devin. Jeannette seconded motion. Unanimous approval.



APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Discussion of missing meeting minutes and inability to approve in a timely manner. Proceed by checking in again with Brenda for notes and/or minutes to resolve the issue.

OHIO REPRESENTATIVES

The Ohio representatives discussed the feedback that they have been receiving. Noted the following: worried about expenses and value for students, ensuring we are looking at other organization's calendars, looking at locations and expenses for students, concerned with escalating cost, membership as well as hotel, value for students, number of days required to attend, quality of materials for tests, adding additional CEAC, events and testing areas.

Paxton thanked the Ohio delegation for their feedback and for addressing the issues presented. Stated that the board would discuss further and would work with staff to look into concerns.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT-STEVEN MITCHELL

Steven talked about building up for NLC. Steven noted that there are still around 200 judges needed for NLC.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL REPORT- SECONDARY – LUCY CHRISTENSEN

Lucy noted the former executive council database created and mentioned state officer dessert reception at NLC.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL REPORT – POST-SECONDARY – AMBER LANE

Amber Lane shared the team is preparing for NLC. They will be hosting a social event based on Chicago facts and tour options for NLC. The team has raised around \$4,000 for the National Officer Scholarship fund. Lastly, the team will be hosting an NLC panel for high school seniors about the Alumni and Post-secondary divisions.

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

Advocacy – no update from Lucy Christensen

Audit – Breezy Gutierrez – audit is complete for 2023

Financials – Angie Benson, the packet is available.

Policies and Procedures – Lisa Parker, approved alumni changes.

Personnel – Andrea Sutherland, evaluating software for the Executive Director’s review.

Programs – Jeanette Barreto, Hall of Fame Nominee Lisa Parker – nomination came out of committee.

Devin seconded motion, unanimous vote with Lisa Parker abstaining.

Advisor of the Year – Kelly Munro

Emerging Advisor of the Year – Cassandra Alves

SLRP – Devin Alexander, visited with a lawyer regarding a possible move of office to Virginia.

NEW BUSINESS

The Nominating Committee is finishing up its work this week.

There is a possible need to schedule a special meeting to address competitive events and the potential for additional CEAC members.

Sabrina thanked Jonathan for all his hard work. Lisa thanked Patrick and the rest of the staff for putting NLC together.

ADJOURN

Devin moved to adjourn. Motioned seconded by Andrea. Unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned at 5:08 pm ET.