

Jan 25, 4-5:30 pm

Members Present: Lesli, Jeff, Jen, Tonia, Laurie, Christine, Laura, Joan, Erin

- Nominate and Select Executive Board candidates (President Elect)
  - New at-large candidates - Dean Alberty, Jamin Bray, Nick Speed
    - Dean Alberty to advisory board - fundraising
    - We can have 4-8 members at large so bylaws may need to be changed?
      - Need 9 to accommodate all 3
      - Each brings unique perspective to the board
      - Increases diversity
      - Sub-level or ad hoc? Avoid getting too large. What is max number?
      - Proposal to add 1 at large board member, changing from 8 to 9 at large members. Passed with no objections
  - Election timing
    - Must happen by the end of Feb
      - Ballot out by Feb 7, returned by mid Feb.
  - Discussion: Improving BOD Onboarding (Handbook update, other items?)
    - [Link to document](#)
      - Share the onboarding doc with new board members
      - Google tutorial
      - Acronym list
      - Assign a “buddy”
      - Personal phone calls from another BOD member appreciated
      - Expectations made more clear
      - In-person meetings will be helpful
  - Executive Board Candidate for president-elect
    - Tonia, Joan, Laura all nominated
    - Tonia - president-elect
- Mission Statement update from JEDIA Committee-Laura
  - Original: Meea helps educators inspire Missourians to care about, understand and act for their environment.
  - In-between: Meea helps educators inspire and equips all missourians to access, care about, understand, and act for our environment (feedback: flow, grammar, keep tagline, change back to “the” environment)
  - New Mission Option: MEEA helps educators connect every Missouri learner to the natural world and equip them to care, understand, and act for the environment.
    - Feedback-avoid help? Yes avoid it, use inspire instead?, supports?, assists?, motivates?
    - Final: MEEA supports educators to connect every Missouri learner to the natural world and inspire them to care, understand, and act for the environment.

- Passed with no objections
- Bookkeeper contract approval and approval of [updated 2022 Budget](#) based on that
  - Mission Center Services approved as long as there is no penalty or cost for early termination.

Meeting adjourned at 5:33 pm

Ran out of time to address the items below. Updates will be sent to BOD via email and return to in-person meetings will be added to Feb. 2022 BOD agenda

- Update on Fund Dev meeting (met 1/13/2022 for the first time: Jeff Birchler, Jennifer Schamber, Nikki Lemley, Wil Pinkney)
- Update on 2022 Conference (KACEE is in for collaborating; networking trip to KC)
  - Possible Venue
  - Committee with KACEE
  - Field Trips and Fun stuff
  - Student Involvement
  - BOD interest in committee?
- Meeting dates (return to quarterly meetings? June Board retreat?)