

NAEHCY Annual Membership Meeting

October 29, 2017

5:15 pm

Chicago, IL

The meeting was called to order at 5:25 pm. Kerry Wrenick opened the membership meeting by reading the NAEHCY mission and welcoming attendees.

Presentation of the agenda

Kerry Wrenick presented the agenda. Kerry Wrenick proposed one modification to the agenda. She requested that the motion to vote on changes to the NAEHCY bylaws be withdrawn and instead we wait for a more complete update to the bylaws at a future meeting so as not to update the bylaws in a piecemeal fashion. Michael Absher made a motion to approve the agenda as presented with the change. The motion was seconded by Sarah Slautterback. Motion carried unanimously.

Presentation of the minutes

Carie Bires presented the minutes from last year's membership meetings. Mike Harmon was recognized by the chair and requested an addition to the meeting minutes from October 30, 2017, noting that the meeting was recessed at one point while the Board went into executive session. Anthony Hearn was recognized by the chair and requested that his name and discussion items regarding the annual audit be added to the minutes from October 30, 2017. Both amendments were acknowledged and agreed upon. Mike Harmon moved to approve the minute as amended. Anthony Hearn seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Financial report

Jeff Blanford provided a treasurer's report. He reported that NAEHCY is in a good and stable financial position and the most recent audit came back clean. He also shared that we expect to have a better target net income than originally set for the conference. Jeff Blanford acknowledged Dave Schrandt, Bettye Poole, and Amy Beckham for their work managing and controlling the conference budget to maximize revenue. Michelle Patton Swisher made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Sandra Nettles seconded the motion. Anthony Hearn asked when the most recent 990 will be available. Kerry Wrenick agreed to investigate and respond appropriately. A vote was called and the motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports

Kerry requested a motion to add Conference Committee to the committee reports as it was left off the original agenda. Jimiyu Evans made a motion to add the Conference Committee to the agenda. Jeff Blanford seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Marcy Stidum provided an update on the Higher Education Committee. She reported that the committee has been focused on recruitment in an effort to build connections with higher education institutions. The committee has also been collaborating with NCHE to support youth struggling with

financial aid issues. Next year's goal for the committee is to finalize a toolkit for higher education institutions to help them create a Single Point of Contact (SPOC) model and scale it statewide.

Carie Bires provided an update on the Early Childhood Committee. The committee continued its focus on Head Start and published a resource document on reserving slots for children experiencing homelessness in Head Start programs. The committee plans to continue focusing on Head Start in the next year as well as engaging the homeless services system to strengthen cross-system collaboration across early childhood and homeless services.

Larissa Dickinson provided an update on the Scholars Committee. The committee spent the past year reviewing and updating the scholar program. The committee has been focused on better serving past scholars and ensuring their input guides the future of the program. Larissa Dickinson encouraged members to share their ideas for updating the scholar program by emailing scholarship@naehcy.org.

Carie Bires provided a brief update on policy and advocacy work. This work is currently on hiatus while NAEHCY continues moving through the strategic planning process to identify the best structure to support policy and advocacy work moving forward.

Denise Ross provided an update on the Recruitment Committee. She explained the purpose of the committee and their role in supporting the election process and filling vacancies on the Board.

Dave Schrandt and Bettye Poole provided an update of the conference committee. Dave Schrandt acknowledged committee members for their work. He also stated that the committee will be in need of new members, as he will be leaving his position to become President. Dave Schrandt also explained the work of the committee. Bettye Poole provided historical statistics on conference attendance, and introduced Sandra Nettles, who has agreed to join as co-chair of the committee. Bettye Poole reiterated that volunteers are needed to join the committee and that a sign-up sheet will be placed at the registration desk.

Member comment

Kerry Wrenick introduced the member comment section of the agenda, which was added based on feedback at last year's membership meeting. The three individuals who had signed up to offer comment were not present.

NAEHCY Strategic Plan

Kerry Wrenick introduced Cheryl Jensen, Interim Executive Director, to present the NAEHCY Strategic Plan. Cheryl presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Plan and fielded questions. Kerry Wrenick shared the results of the recent Member Survey that gathered input from members on what supports they would like from NAEHCY.

Election

Kerry Wrenick began the election of officers by reading the election proceedings verbatim from the bylaws.

Jimyu Evans, candidate for Vice President addressed the membership first. He shared information about his background and experience, particularly his focus on non-profit business systems and programming.

Anthony Hearn, a candidate for Secretary, next addressed the membership. He shared information about his background and experience, stating that he is relatively new to the field and he has an interest in organizational change. He was able to arrange fund to pay HEAR US to produce a video on homelessness in New Jersey. Mr. Hearn also shared that he has experience serving on boards and that he is a CPA by trade. He has a tax practice and represents major drug companies in New Jersey, from which he is confident he can obtain donations for NAEHCY.

Kelly-Jo Shebeck, candidate for Secretary, spoke last. She shared information about her background experience, particularly as an educator and Title I administrator in the fifth largest school district in the country. She is the McKinney-Vento liaison for Clark County School District in Las Vegas, NV. She has also served on the NAEHCY Conference Committee. She has also been a presenter at several NAEHCY conferences.

Dave Schrandt and Jeff Blanford passed out ballots. Carie Bires collected ballots. Kerry Wrenick, Denise Ross, and Michael Absher left the room to count the ballots. Seventy-six (76) total votes were cast. Ballots 1-30 and 51-96 were distributed. All are accounted for.

Kerry Wrenick announced that Jimiyu Evans has been elected Vice President and Kelly-Jo Shebeck was elected Secretary.

Pam Kies-Lowe moved to adjourn the meeting. Dave Schrandt seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 7 pm.