



Board Meeting Agenda and Notes

Date **September 11, 2022**
Time **10:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.**
Location **Zoom**

★ = Present ○ = Absent

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| ★ Arnstein, Ellen | ★ Morkill, Garret |
| ★ Berry, John | ★ Ritchey, Jenn |
| ★ Celaya, Brianna | ★ Sebastian, Kathleen |
| ★ Cleveland, Brad | ★ Siangco, Jerome |
| ★ Collins, Erin | ○ Sundgrenz, Evangelina |
| ○ De Sal, Aaron | ○ Tran, Kenney |
| ○ Daneker, Lee | ★ Walters, Carolee |
| ★ Holmes, Sally | |

Guests

1. Welcome and Intro
 - Meeting will focus on proposal to amend bylaws (see New Business, below)
2. Committee/Board Member Updates
 - **Executive Committee**
 - **Minutes.** July meeting minutes approved by electronic vote.
 - **Treasurer's Report** (Kathleen for Lee)
 - Jan-Aug expenses were \$1981.77 against revenue of \$1570.20, for net loss of \$411.57
 - Combined checking and savings balance at the end of August was \$9851.50.



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● Administrative Committees

- **Communications** (Sally) no report
- **Fundraising** (vacant/Kathleen) no report
- **Membership** (vacant/Kathleen) no report

● Events Committees

- **Regular Events**
 - **Happy Hour** (Garrett)
 - Monthly Happy Hours continue at locations around the area.
 - July 27, [The Lodge Sports Grille](#), Kirkland
 - August 17, [Shelter Lounge](#), Greenlake
 - September 2, [Olmste\(a\)d](#), Capitol Hill
- **Special Events** (Brianna/Kathleen)
 - Annual Picnic was held at Ravenna Park on Aug 21. We enjoyed a perfect venue and weather, a wonderful variety of food and games, and made new connections over congenial conversation.
 - Picnic donations totaled \$205 against expenses of \$219.13 (\$120 for park permit + \$99.13 for pizza and drinks)
 - Kathleen created an event planning template and updated the reimbursement request form. See shared drive.
 - Holiday party planning underway.

● Service Committees

- **Advocacy** (Jerome)
 - On August 29, the IPCA organized an update meeting with the head of Senator Murray's Spokane office. In attendance were IPCA's two advocacy chairs, Jerome, and an RPCV based in Spokane. Topics discussed included confirming Carol Spahn as Peace Corps Director and supporting the Peace Corps Reauthorization Act.



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- Insights from the meeting: 1) the focus in the Senate at the moment is on confirming judgeships; and 2) as the Peace Corps Reauthorization Act is a bipartisan bill and for every Democrat there is a Republican co-sponsor and vice versa, Senator Murray will support the bill internally and could be persuaded to co-sponsor if she has a Republican counterpart.
- Working with the IPCA to schedule a similar meeting with Cantwell's office.
- Emails/phone calls to representative offices throughout western WA.
- **Community Service** (Ellen)
 - Invited by University Rotary to participate in "Peace Corps Rotary Week" at its September member meeting. Good crossover interest supports pursuing collaborative efforts.
 - Planning another service day with World Relief at the Kent community garden plot. Date TBD in October.
- **DEI** (Kenney)

Still in the process of trying to pilot a book club as well as compile resources for a Peace Corps DEI calendar (Initiative of the Month?) and share out a resource guide for SEAPAX constituents at large.
- **Grants** (Brianna) no report
- **Mentorship** (Jenn) no report

● New Business

Follow up to prior Board discussion around different voting rights for elected vs non-elected members. Our bylaws require voting directors to be elected by the general membership, so the Board cannot simply extend broader voting rights. It is possible to amend the bylaws, if proposed changes are sent to members with 30 days to comment and approved by vote.



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Discussion concluded that no changes were needed at this time. Committee chairs who wish to have voting rights can run for one of the six DAL positions during upcoming elections.

● Calendar

- NPCA Annual General Membership Meeting, September 24, 11 a.m. PDT. Open to all, register [here](#). (Kathleen will not attend because she'll be at her Benin RPCV reunion in San Diego.)
- 2022 Future Board Meetings (all Sundays, 10 AM-12:30 PM)
- November 6 (Annual Retreat)