



Board Meeting Agenda and Notes

Date **March 6, 2022**
Time **10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.**
Location **Zoom**

★ = Present ○ = Absent

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

Retiring from Board: Beth Ahlstrom, Lillian Baer

Guests: None

1. Welcome and Intro (Kathleen)

- Introductions and committee updates will follow Board structure, by section and committee
 - Executive: Officers and Directors-at-Large
 - Administrative: Communication, Fundraising, Membership
 - Events: Regular Events, Special Events
 - Service: Advocacy, DEI, Grants, Community Service, Mentorship
- Lillian and Beth are stepping away from Board duties, although each remains active on her respective committees (Service and Mentorship; Advocacy). SEAPAX owes Lillian and Beth a debt of gratitude for their years of service across multiple positions and initiatives. Thank you, both, for your work and your outstanding leadership!



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- Roundtable Question: Are you in favor of resuming in person Board meetings? Previously these were held on Sundays at Antioch University, 2400 3rd Ave, Seattle.
 - “Safety First,” but Board generally open to holding some in-person meetings, if we follow health precautions and all feel safe.
 - COVID prevalence will drive decision to convene in person; evaluate prior to each meeting.
 - Anyone feeling ill or experiencing cold/flu or COVID symptoms will be asked to stay home, but we should try to offer dial-in option.
 - Attendees may be encouraged, or at times required, to mask.
 - Room setup should allow appropriate distancing.
 - Antioch has benefits of central location, ample free Sunday parking, good-sized private room with projector, established relationship.

2. Committee/Board Member Updates

● Executive Committee (Kathleen)

- **2021 Annual Report.** Please let Erin know ASAP if you still need to review your committee section [2021 Annual Report - Google Docs](#). We would like to complete final edits by **Tuesday, March 8.**
- **Jan 6, 2022 minutes.** Approved by electronic vote.
- **2022 Budget.** Approved by electronic vote. Saved to G drive [here](#).
- **Treasurer’s Report**
Year-to-date expenses total \$865.05, against income of approx. \$150. At the end of February, we had a total of \$9,804.53 in our bank accounts.
 - ◇ Silkstart \$500.00
 - ◇ Domain \$ 45.55
 - ◇ Web hosting \$ 6.19/month
 - ◇ Quickbooks \$ 27.56/month
 - ◇ PO Box \$232.00
 - ◇ WA registration \$ 20.00



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• Administrative Committees

- **Communications** (Sally)
 - **Website audit.** Numerous changes have been submitted and are being processed by Webmaster
 - **Email management.** Exploring move to Microsoft 365 free service for nonprofits. Will register preliminarily in order to obtain details on additional cloud services, but members expressed better experience with Google Drive.
- **Fundraising** — No report; currently not an active committee. (Kathleen)
- **Membership** — Nine new members year-to-date. (Kathleen)

• Events Committees

- **Regular Events** (Garrett)
 - **Happy Hour** (HH) continues to be enthusiastically received, with varied locations working well, and up to 10 members attending.
 - HH has been a great way to generate member engagement; Board members are encouraged to attend as and when they feel comfortable doing so.
 - Attendees report using Facebook and Newsletter for event info, about 50/50.
 - Garrett considering timing and interest to re-introduce Trivia Night.
- **Special Events** (Kathleen)
 - **Story Slam** will likely be teed up as outdoor event in mid-June. Jerome has offered to moderate. In absence of Events Chair, may need to recruit help from membership to plan and execute. Garrett offered to keep in mind as he researches HH locations.
 - **Glenn Blumhorst**, NPCA President, will be making a personal trip to Seattle some time in April. We will organize a meet and greet with members, in person coffee or happy hour, COVID permitting.



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● Service Committees

- **Advocacy (Jerome)**
 - National Days of Advocacy Kickoff took place virtually March 3, as part of Peace Corps Week.
 - 2022 legislative priority is passing the Peace Corps Reauthorization Act.
 - Jerome represented SEAPAX on the Kickoff Zoom, helping moderate the West Coast breakout session.
 - Constituency Meetings
 - March 7, 11:30 am with Senator Murray staffer, John Culton, in Spokane (<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77669747646?pwd=jp8x23Jfn3AY1V6S3-vZC6kdsKbgan.1>) Meeting ID: 776 6974 7646/Passcode: jQivD4
 - Additional meetings planned with offices of Senator Maria Cantwell and Representatives Suzan DelBene, Rick Larsen, Derek Kilmer, Pramila Jayapal, Kim Schrier, Adam Smith, and Marilyn Strickland.
 - Letter to the Editor in support of PC funding forthcoming
- **Community Service (Ellen)**
 - Ellen and Lilian have delivered three carloads of donated household items to Lutheran Community Services Northwest. Huge shout out to all who supported this critical humanitarian effort!
 - March 13 is another World Relief (WR) Seattle volunteer day at Paradise Parking Plots Community Garden, Kent, a public space dedicated to improving food access, building community, and fostering economic independence, while promoting environmental stewardship. SEAPAX last partnered with WR on MLK Day, 2019. Current WR garden coordinator is Lucas McClish, lmcclish@wr.org; we were reconnected by WR staff and SEAPAX member, Paige Beiler, Morocco (2018-2020).
 - New [Service Survey](#) in March Newsletter to assess membership skills, interests, and ideas for group service activities.



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- **DEI** — No report
- **Grants** (Kathleen for Brianna)
 - Plan to offer two funding cycles in 2022, \$250 each, for total of \$500
 - Brianna updating web pages with current info
 - Seeking interested members to join committee
- **Mentorship** — No report

● **Calendar**

- 2022 Board Meetings (all Sundays, 10 AM-12:30 PM; may resume in person, to be evaluated case by case, as detailed above)
 - May 1
 - July 10
 - September 11
 - November 6 (Annual Retreat)