

**Newport Bay Naturalists and Friends
Approved Minutes
Board of Directors Meeting
Newport Beach Main Library
June 19, 2008**

1. Call to Order

President Dennis Baker called the meeting to order at 6:35. Board members present: Dennis Baker, Carolyn Kraber, Matt Yurko, Peter Bryant, Jack Keating, Larry McKenney, Rita Goldberg (when noted). Staff present: Roger Mallett, Donna Flower-Carroll.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the May 16 meeting were not available for approval.

3. Appointment of Krista Sloniowski to the Board

Sloniowski was invited to attend the meeting as was expected to arrive at 7:00. The Board Development Committee recruited her as a prospective new member, both Keating and Rita Goldberg interviewed her, and the committee recommended that she be invited to join the Board. After discussion, the Board decided unanimously to invite Sloniowski to join the Board. Motion: McKenney; Second: Kraber.

4. Accountant's Report

Flower-Carroll reported that she circulated her written report to the board by email and asked us to refer to it for details. She invited the board to email her with any questions at any time.

5. Executive Director's Report

Mallett reported that he circulated his written report to the board by email, and invited any questions.

The Board discussed ongoing work on proposals that are being supported by Dave Kiff at the City of Newport Beach. With regard to the Big Canyon project, we need one year of baseline data to support our adaptive management approach in the future, and therefore do not wish to move forward recklessly. Regarding possible City grants, the Advocacy Committee should work toward taking proposals to City Council members. Keating will continue to track the City's budget development and approval.

Regarding the full-time program coordinator, it was noted that this person is envisioned as working at the Muth Center with Rita McCoy, coordinating all of the day-to-day activities, answering the phone, and dealing with school programs, in order to free Rita to

work on volunteer recruitment, training, and coordination. Mallett stated that the position is key to the long-term focus of the organization on restoration and outreach. He had no particular candidate in mind for the position. The salary is expected to be in the range of \$2000 to \$3000 per month.

Discussion of donor lists was deferred to the Fundraising Committee report.

Krista Sloniowski arrived at 7:00 pm, was duly invited to join the Board and accepted the invitation.

6. Advocacy Committee

McKenney reported that the County has been seeking a grant from the Wildlife Conservation Board to supplement the funding for the Army Corps dredging project in the bay. The WCB has put the item off probably until its November board meeting. The Board decided to support the County's grant application, with the committee to draft a letter for Baker to circulate to the rest of the Board by email before sending. Motion: McKenney; Second: Keating.

Rita Goldberg arrived at 7:10.

7. Bylaws Committee

Board members tasked with reviewing and providing any comments to Keating within two weeks. Baker will suggest changes regarding mid-year additions to the Board membership.

8. Board Development Committee

Keating will seek an additional member of this committee from the organization's general membership. The committee has been actively contacting prospective new board members, particularly targeting people of means with skills and connections to offer in the way of fundraising activities. It was noted that, as the organization grows and matures, we should consider board members with human resources and legal expertise. The size of the Board may need to be reconsidered in the bylaws.

9. Research Committee

Bryant reported that the committee has not been meeting regularly, and needs to be more formalized. He discussed the need to let the scientific community know that we are here and want to do or support scientific research. To that end, he suggested we should have a budget line item for some amount to seed research. We would look for grants or other funding sources that we could pass through, such as the kind of planning grants that were available from some of the State bond programs.

Krista and Matt volunteered to join the committee.

10. Finance Committee

There was no report.

11. Fundraising Committee

The Board discussed preparations for the SOCALPAPA event and September's Back Bay Science Center event. Mallett reviewed the purpose of the July 25th reception and the importance of the Board members reviewing the lists he had provided of existing and prospective donors to identify existing personal connections. For the BBSC event, Goldberg reported that we envision a cocktail party at sunset at a private home. We are looking for sponsors for printing, catering, alcohol, etc. Once we find the venue for the event, the next priority will be to develop the "vision" for the BBSC that will translate to a compelling, coherent message of the need for donations.

12. Bluffs HOA

We have been selected for a grant from the Southern California Wetlands Recovery Project. We are refining our original proposal to seek additional funds, to be submitted by the end of next week. The grant award will occur by the end of July. The project scope includes native plant landscaping, drainage work, and invasives removal in Big Canyon, all on private property.

13. Announcements

Baker and Yurko are still seeking a truck donation. There will be a future discussion of the operational costs of the truck, but it would be owned by the organization. We hope to be able to use natural gas.

Keating reported that he would attend a ribbon-cutting the next week at a new IRWD NTS site at Quail Springs.

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM