

**NAGPS Board of Directors Meeting
Sunday, December 19th, 2021**

7-9PM ET / 4-6PM PT / 6-8PM CST

Topic: BoD Meeting

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Meeting called to order at 4:06 PM PT; 6:04 PM CT; 7:04 PM ET

1. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Motion to approve by Dir. Potter and seconded by Dir. Fredericksen; approved by general consent
2. Acknowledgement of November Notes
3. Old Business
 - a. [Position Appointments](#)
 - i. MW-RD: Nisha Singh
 1. Motion to allow Dir. Fredericksen to speak on behalf of Candidate Nisha's capabilities; no dissent, approved by general consent
 2. Candidate Nisha gave brief overview of interest in position, relevant experience, and general flexibility
 - a. Question, Dir Klein: Goals for the MW Region?
 - i. Candidate Nisha: increased funding for health insurance for graduate students; also interested in work conditions/contracts/problems graduate students face regionally and nationally
 - b. Question, President Chodur: Research or academic specialization?

- i. Candidate Nisha: Astrophysics, neutron stars
 - 3. Moved into closed session to discuss; Candidate Nisha placed in temporary breakout room
 - 4. Motion to vote in favor of Candidate Nisha by unanimous consent by Dir. Frederickson; no dissent; approved by unanimous consent
 - 5. Candidate Nisha approved as the 2022 Midwest Regional Director
 - ii. NE-RD: Nigel Kidder-Wolff
 - 1. Candidate Kidder-Wolff introduced self; spoke about mentorship program and involvement with NAGPS partner Smylen
 - a. Moved into closed session to discuss candidacy.
 - b. Motion to close debate and move into a period of voting by unanimous consent by Dir. Klein and seconded by Dir. Potter; no dissent, approved by unanimous consent
 - 2. Candidate Kidder-Wolff approved as the 2022 Northeast Regional Director
 - iii. SC-RD: Candidate Forthcoming
- b. Open positions:
 - i. Director of Employment Concerns
 - 1. Possible candidate per Dir. Potter
 - ii. Director of International Student Concerns
 - 1. Dir. Alfathi indicated interest
 - 2. Dir. Frederiskson motioned to move to New Business for voting; seconded by Dir. Potter; approved by unanimous consent
 - iii. Director of Social Justice Concerns
 - iv. Southeast Regional Director
 - v. Western Regional Director
- c. Transitions
 - i. President Chodur hoping for orientation meeting either between Christmas and New Year's, or otherwise during the first week of January 2022.
 - ii. President Chodur reminds everyone to meet with their successors one-on-one to ensure new Board members are getting all necessary information
 - 1. Inviting people to Google drives helps with this
 - 2. Ensuring to keep ongoing projects and communication lines going is also key
 - a. E.g. introducing new Board member to partnership contacts
 - iii. Dir. Klein asked about email address for Dir. of Compliance
 - 1. Dir. Miller indicated that a formal email account has not yet been created, but can be forthcoming.
 - 2. IPP Sommer/President Chodur indicated that there was once an ombudsman account that could be utilized

- a. Dir. Miller indicated that account could be shifted over to Compliance and that Ombudsman would become an alias account
 - iv. Dir. Frederickson recommended leveraging informal communications (Zoom check-ins) to ensure people are staying in contact regularly and help keep things moving
 - 1. Dir. Potter expounded on this regarding plans to have such regular check-ins throughout next year
 - v. Admin. Asst. Welfer
 - 1. Has online survey for outgoing members to fill out and wants to conduct brief exit interviews to collect data from outgoing Board members
 - d. Board Reports
 - i. Finance
 - 1. Dir. Klein presented
 - 2. Association is cash flow positive
 - 3. Endowment continues to underperform
 - 4. Attorney Dave Zook continues to investigate repayment of former embezzlement by previous President
 - ii. Open Reports
 - 1. President Chodur
 - a. Sent request in January 2021 to previous President regarding misappropriated funds; no response; has informed President-Elect Potter of issue with recommendation to send an additional co-signed letter
 - b. Reminder that IPP Sommer is in possession of NAGPS projector, projector screen, and signage from in-person event in 2019.
 - i. Ensure to keep track of items for future handoff or shipping
 - 2. Dir. Potter
 - a. Brief update, regarding Zero Embargo Open Access, would establish separate federal repository for researchers; would not pass on any costs to individual researchers or schools
 - b. <https://authorservices.taylorandfrancis.com/publishing-open-access/zero-embargo-green-open-access/>
 - c. Hoping to help push this forward in the New Year
 - 4. New Business
 - a. Nomination of Dr. Bradley Sommer to NAB
 - i. President Chodur nominated IPP Dr. Sommer to the NAB
 - 1. Seconded by both Dir. Miller and Dir. Frederickson
 - ii. IPP Sommer allowed to speak about his nomination
 - 1. Focused on helping Board with problems as they are

2. Would aptly represent more recent membership and provide advice and assistance as requested
 - iii. Moved into a period of closed discussion
 1. Discussion commenced
 - iv. Motion to approve IPP Dr. Sommer by Dir. Frederickson, seconded by Dir. Kidder-Wolff; approved by unanimous consent
 - b. Director of Finance: [Reindolf Yiadom Boakye](#)
 - i. On hold until candidate available
 - c. Director of International Student Concerns
 - i. Current Dir. Alfathi for consideration for 2022 Dir. International Student Concerns
 1. Candidate presented; spoke about prior experience as social justice advocate in Turkey; pharmacist by trade; would like to see more interaction between NAGPS members
 - ii. Question, Dir. Frederickson: what do you believe you could do to bring forward international student voice moving forward?
 1. Dir. Alfathi: Focus on creation of additional meetings for students, checking in about needs, improving communications, focusing on communications with Board members too
 - iii. Motion to move into a period of discussion by Dir. Frederickson, seconded by Dir. Kidder-Wolff; moved into a period of closed discussion
 - iv. Motion to move into a period of voting by Dir. Frederickson and seconded by Dir. Potter; moved into a period of voting by acclamation.
 - v. Dir. Alfathi re-appointed as 2022 Director of Social Justice Concerns
5. Adjourn
 - a. **Motion to adjourn by unanimous vote by Dir. Frederickson, seconded by Dir. Potter; approved by general consent**
 - b. **Meeting adjourned at 8:44 PM ET / 5:44 PM PT / 7:44 PM CT**