NAGPS Board of Directors Meeting  
Sunday, December 19th, 2021  
7-9PM ET / 4-6PM PT / 6-8PM CST  
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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. Alfath 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 acclimation.
   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