



SWAMC Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

October 17, 2019

- I. **Call to Order** ----- 2:05 p.m. by President Swain
 - A. **Roll Call** ----- Griffin
 - yes Mary Swain, yes Paul Gronholdt, yes Rebecca Skinner, yes Myra Olsen, no Alice Ruby, yes Glen Gardner, yes Terry Haines, yes Laura Delgado, yes Dennis Robinson, no Darren Muller
- II. **Approval of Agenda** ----- Swain

Gardner moves to approve, Olsen seconds, no objections, agenda approved.
- III. **Consent Agenda** ----- Swain
 - A. BOD Meeting Minutes, September 2019

Gardner moves to approve, Olsen seconds, no objections, minutes approved.
- IV. **Governance & Policy** ----- Swain
 - A. July and July 2019 Financial Statement (combined)

Gardner moves to approve, Olsen seconds, no objections, FS approved
 - B. September 2019 Financial Statement – not available
 - C. Board Retreat – November 17-18, Anchorage – Board decided to hold Executive Director candidate interviews on Sunday to allow for discussion and decision by Monday. Conference topics to be discussed at Retreat: Haines suggested economic inclusivity for catch-share system. Skinner suggested adding State Budget and Legislative updates to Retreat agenda. Robinson suggested that SWAMC take up resolutions that AML passed at the Retreat and prep final resolutions for the Conference. Gronholdt suggested lining up an Internet discussion for the Conference at the Retreat.
 - D. At-Large Board Seat Vacancy (added topic) – Griffin explained process required by bylaws to fill Frank Kelty’s vacant at-large seat, which is open to any SWAMC member. Board decided to keep seat unfilled until Membership Meeting at Conference to avoid hassle of advertising for seat in meantime. Suggestion taken that SWAMC announce the at-large seat vacancy in the next newsletter to give members time to consider. Gardner made motion to wait until Annual Membership Meeting to fill vacant at-large seat, Olsen seconds, no objections, motion approved.
- V. **Management & Program Issues** ----- Griffin
 - A. Executive Director Recommendations/Selection of Finalists for Interview – Board members discussed what contact to make with the three second-tier finalists for Executive Director position, given that interviews of two first-tier finalists to occur at Board Retreat. Gardner made a motion to tell second-tier finalists that the decision-making process is still active and that they will be contacted at the end of November either way, Grondoldt seconds, motion passes. Unanimous agreement.
- VI. **Staff Report**----- Griffin

Griffin explained that staff is focused on Retreat preparation, staffing changes (including Americorps VISTA to start in mid-November, focusing on maritime workforce development). Griffin focused on winding-down the Aleutian Broadband grant, reviewing final report from Magellan. Griffin discussed potential applicants to USDA ReConnect grant. Anticipates that applicants to reach out to SWAMC for assistance with gathering letters of support from communities in region to include in their application.
- VI. **Board Comments / Other Business**

Robinson mentioned that Ounalashka Corp. had partnered with Chena Power on the Makushin Geothermal Project, which could provide economic opportunities to Unalaska. Delgado thanked SWAMC staff for putting together the Board packet and for Tim Pearson’s Executive Director recruitment efforts. Swain suggested that special recognition is due to Frank Kelty for his longtime service to SWAMC – to be discussed further at Board Retreat. Interview questions for Executive Director candidates to be shared with Board prior to the Retreat so they can be prepared. Next Board meeting scheduled for Sunday, November 17 at Board Retreat in Anchorage.

VIII. **Adjourn Time:** Skinner moves to adjourn meeting, Haines seconds, 3:00 p.m. adjourned by President Swain



Roll Call Item At-Large Board Seat Vacancy

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