

**NORTHEAST PUBLIC POWER ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES
MARCH 14, 2019
The Spa at Norwich
Norwich Ct.**

Present (in person and via the phone)

Mr. Jeff Cady, chair; Mr. Justin Connell; Ms. Patty Richards; Mr. Michael Cloutier; Mr. Michael Kirkwood; Mr. Reginald Beliveau; Mr. William Bottiggi; Mr. John Driscoll; Mr. Jonathan Elwell; Mr. Jonathan Fitch; Mr. Scott Hallowell; Mr. James Lavelle; Mr. Craig Myotte; Mr. David Schofield; and Mr. John Tzimirangas;

Absent: Mr. Jim Bakas; Mr. Sean Hamilton; Mr. Paul Heanue; Mr. Panos Tokadjian;

Staff

Ms. Jacqueline Campbell; Ms. Elizabeth Dailey; Ms. Wendy Esche; Ms. Sarah Klingler; and Ms. Bonnie Biocchi

Call to Order

Mr. Jeff Cady called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

Previous Meeting Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes of the November 16, 2018 meeting and voted to approve them as presented.

Financial Reports

Ms. Elizabeth Dailey distributed copies of the 2018 year-end financial reports and investment reports. Ms. Dailey discussed the financial standing of the association and reviewed the investment information. The Board then voted to accept the financial reports.

Edelman Fund Signatories

Ms. Dailey presented to the Board a revision in the Edelman Fund Signatories. Ms. Dailey stated Bonnie Biocchi will replace David White as an authorized signer on the account with Edelman Financial Services. Mike Cloutier and Mike Kirkwood will remain authorized on the account. The Board voted to approve authorize Ms. Biocchi as a signatory and remove Mr. White as a signatory.

Executive Directors Report

Ms. Bonnie Biocchi presented a written Executive Director's Report to the Board, highlighting upcoming programs including the updated PUMP program which is garnering a lot of interest. Ms. Biocchi introduced NEPPA's new Director of Marketing, Communications, and Events, Ms. Wendy Esche. The Board engaged in discussion regarding the Shine Your Light Corporate Sponsorship program which will help develop and stabilize a new revenue stream. This report was strictly for informational purposes and no Board action was required.

Training and Education Updates

Ms. Biocchi introduced Ms. Sarah Klingler's new role as Director of Education & Programs. Ms. Klingler discussed the process of updating NEPPA's training materials. To date, all of the OSHA compliancy modules have been reviewed and updated. Technical review is in process for other programming. The process to regionalize training is underway and Ms. Biocchi advised the Board that she is actively seeking additional trainers to better enable this goal. She also reported that Mr. Regele will begin to provide backup for the Lineworker Apprentice program to help with succession planning for Mr. Socoby. This report was strictly for informational purposes and no Board action was required.

APPA Board

Mr. Cady advised the Board that Mr. Nick Lawler and Ms. Ellen Burt had been selected by the APPA nominating committee to fill the vacancies on the APPA Board. They will be elected in June at the APPA annual conference.

Committee Reports

Committee representatives presented a brief update on the current projects and status of their committees to the Board. These reports were strictly for informational purposes and no Board action was required. It was noted that the newly designed member outreach process has been launched and that this is already paying dividends in terms of involvement and engagement.

APPA Legislative Rally

Mr. Bill Bottiggi and Mr. John Tzimirangas discussed the value of attending the APPA Legislative Rally in DC. The Board engaged in conversation regarding the issues and Ms. Biocchi shared that next steps for a Blue Ribbon Commission to study a potential new approach to Capacity Markets would be spear-headed by Meguire Whitney on our behalf. It was suggested that there would be great value in replicating the Markets 101: A Forward Capacity Market briefing at NEPPA's Annual Conference.

NEPPA Board Nominations

Mr. Cady read a letter of Board resignation from Mr. Calvin Ames. It was voted that Mr. Todd Shea and Mr. Rick Hendershot would fill the two Board vacancies until the Annual Meeting in August at which time they would be eligible to be elected for a new three-year term. Ms. Biocchi has met with both new Board members and is working on updating the Board handbook for presentation to new and existing Directors.

Committee Appointment

Mr. Cady announced that he had selected Mr. Bob Briggs to serve on the Mutual Aid Committee, to replace Jeff Franson who recently retired. The Board voted to approve his appointment.

Executive Session

On an individual voice vote, with all Board members voting in the affirmative, the Committee went into Executive Session.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Cloutier
Secretary