

**NORTHEAST PUBLIC POWER ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES
July 20, 2020
ZOOM meeting**

Present

Mr. James Bakas; Mr. Reginald Beliveau; Mr. Jon Blair; Mr. Bill Bottiggi; Mr. Jeff Cady, chair; Mr. Mike Cloutier; Mr. Justin Connell; Mr. Jonathan Elwell; Mr. Jonathan Fitch; Mr. Scott Hallowell; Mr. Paul Heanue; Mr. Rick Hendershot; Mr. Bill Humphrey; Mr. Mike Kirkwood; Mr. Jim Lavelle; Mr. Nick Lawler; Ms. Patty Richards; Mr. David Schofield; Mr. Todd Shea; Mr. Panos Tokadjian; and Mr. John Tzamorangas.

Absent

Staff

Ms. Bonnie Biocchi; Ms. Elizabeth Dailey;

Special Guest: Ms. Elizabeth Whitney (Lobbyist)

Call to Order

Newly elected President Justin Connell called the meeting to order at 1:26 p.m. The Consent Agenda (which included the Board meeting Agenda, Minutes, Financial Report and Executive Director Report) was approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Committee Reports

A & R: Mr. Heanue discussed NEPPA's efforts to support Covid-19 relief legislation that would directly benefit public power.

COPC: Mr. Cloutier informed the Committee that a golf tournament will be held, similar to the one at the fall MEAM meetings at Rowley Country Club years ago. A group of North Shore managers will be putting it on and proceeds will be donated to the Benevolent Fund. The Lineworker Rodeo is scheduled for September 24-25th and the Rodeo Subcommittee is discussing the feasibility of holding the event, given the on-going pandemic

Education Development: No report given.

Member Value: Ms. Richard informed the Board that the Benevolent Fund campaign would be delayed until the fall given the pandemic.

Mutual Aid: There have been no calls for Mutual Aid since the report given at the previous meeting. The Mutual Aid Software Implementation team has been formed and will begin

training on the new Veoci software in August. The goal will be to roll this out in early September with a GM roundtable.

Resolutions Process:

Mr. Heanue introduced the new Resolutions Process recommended by the A & R Committee, explaining that the genesis for creating this process was to formalize NEPPA's policy/position issues. Ms. Whitney (Meguire Whitney) outlined the process in detail which includes several opportunities for input from the membership and board regarding issues that deserve our advocacy. The resolutions, once voted will serve as the official positions and will be adapted into talking points and backgrounders for our advocacy efforts for the year.

The process was adopted unanimously.

Resolutions

The Board adopted by a 2/3 vote, the following Resolutions (attached to the minutes):

Resolution 2020-01: *Reform the Forward Capacity Market* – unanimous

Resolution 2020-02: *Streamline the Hydropower Relicensing Process* – unanimous

Resolution 2020-03: *Protect Local Control over Utility Infrastructure* – unanimous

Resolution 2020-05: *Limit Transmission Incentives and ROE* – adopted by 2/3 vote, with 18 votes in the affirmative, and Mr. Beliveau and Ms. Richards abstaining.

Not Adopted: Resolution 2020-04: Enable Aid in Emergencies.

The Board voted in favor of the following Directive: ***The Board directs Staff and consultants to pursue and advance legislation to provide appropriate relief to consumer owned utilities in response to COVID 19.***

There was a suggestion that we would want to solicit and include SME input going forward on issues.

Strategic Plan

Mr. Cady reviewed the work that had been completed on the 2020-2023 Strategic Plan and outlined the proposed goals and objectives recommended by the Strategic Planning Committee. Ms. Biocchi will begin to populate those objectives with action items and deliverables. Mr. Lawler suggested that one of the objectives should be to maintain a balanced budget. Ms. Biocchi will send the Board a copy of the previous Strategic Plan indicating what has been completed and what remains to be done. The Board agreed to meet again in September to review the plan and Mr. Cady encouraged the Board to provide input for the deliverables.

Mr. Cady, gave a brief address to the Board thanking them for the opportunity to serve as the NEPPA president for the past two years. The board thanked him for his service.

At 3:01 the Board unanimously voted to enter Executive session to discuss sensitive matters.
The board came out of Executive session at 3:20 p.m.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Cloutier
Secretary