

Meeting Minutes
National Organization of Research Development Professionals
Board of Directors Meeting
(approved May 27, 2014)

Sunday May 18, 2014

7:00 p.m., meeting at the Portland Marriott Hotel, site of the 2014 NORDP Conference

Present: Jeffrey Anderson, Matthew Christian, Rachel Dresbeck, Alicia Knoedler, Jacob Levin, Ann McGuigan, Marjorie Piechowski, Jaine Place, David Stone, Peggy Sundermeyer, and Anne Windham
Absent: John Carfora

1. 2014 Board Elections (M. Murr will present the Nominating Committee's report via Skype).

Meredith made her presentation and read the NomCom report. She said that the committee's 3 discussions were very professional, there was a great deal of discussion about the candidates and everyone on the Committee had the opportunity to express an opinion. At the last (voting) meeting, 8 of the 10 members attended and voted unanimously for the slate. Meredith shared the meeting minutes with the two who had not attended at a later point, and both agreed with the Committee's final vote.

Meredith explained the process for ranking to the Board, saying that they discussed each qualified candidate individually and then created a rank order for the candidates.

The Board considered the NomCom slate, and reviewed the end date cycle of all current Board members and planned trajectory given the new, four-year terms. There was a discussion about the rank order as presented on the slate, should the Board consider the slate as a whole or discuss candidates individually?

The Board decided to first vote on accepting the Nominating Committee's report, and then vote on the slate as a separate item. The Board voted unanimously to accept the report itself, but did not immediately vote on the slate.

The discussion continued to the individuals who were nominated or who applied. The Board considered each one according to the criteria as described by the NomCom. Two important factors were a candidate's previous experience (had s/he ever served on a national, non-profit, volunteer board like NORDP's before) and the candidate's service on NORDP committees or engagement with NORDP activities up to this point. Diversity issues were also considered, including size and geographic location of institution, and gender and ethnicity of candidate. The Board decided to conduct a straw poll, voting for each candidate. Two candidates who were towards the top of the slate received a unanimous vote immediately.

There was a motion to increase the Board to 13 in number. The board voted and were unanimously opposed to increasing the size of the Board to 13 members. After spending more than an hour reviewing the candidates and weighing merits and drawbacks, it was decided that the Board could now vote on the slate as presented by the NomCom. That was done, and by unanimous vote Charlie Senn, Gretchen Kiser, and Michael Spires were elected to the Board.

Voting on officers was next. Again, there was some discussion about people's capabilities and experience. By unanimous decision, the Board voted to elect Rachel Dresbeck as Vice President, and Marjorie Piechowski as Secretary (each candidate left the room for the discussion and vote). Charles Fenn was selected to serve as Treasurer-elect for this year, and Peggy Sundermeyer will mentor him so that he can assume the role of Treasurer next year. David Stone will assume the position of President, and Alicia Knoedler will become past President. Positions start on July 1, 2014.

The Board then reviewed talking points for the meeting, to address the NORDP members' concerns as voiced on the listserv, and also went over the meeting times when NORDP members can discuss these issues in person with Board members.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. Respectfully submitted,

Anne Windham NORDP Secretary