

**Alder Row**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**8/29/2023**

**Present:**

**Board Members** (Jen Giroux, Maya Gurantz, Flora Wiegmann)  
Jonathan Cargill (Program Director)

**1. Election of Officers**

- Flora Wiegmann Moves to Assign Officers (Flora as President, Jen as Treasurer, Maya as Secretary)
- Maya seconds
- Unanimous

**2. Articles of Incorporation / IRS Narrative Discussion**

Articles of Incorporation / Stay General (tailored towards “art” as a whole), legal language, has been approved by lawyer

**1. Review 4.1.2 // Clause is Boilerplate:**

- Make sure that it doesn’t interfere with potential funding of individual artists, scientists, writers, and thinkers who might be residents.
- Doesn’t limit art that is produced
- Adding “Artistic”
- Doublecheck / Ask the lawyer

**2. Approval**

- Flora moves to move forward with 4.1.1 and 4.1.2. pending review by attorney
- Jen Giroux seconds
- Unanimous

**3. Review Conflict of Interest**

- Flora moves to approve
- Jen Giroux seconds
- Unanimous

**4. New Board Members**

- Should get to 5 by the time we apply with IRS
  - Additional Board Members review what we’re doing, but we’re the executive Board
- Skills We’d Like To Have Covered
  - Legal
  - Tax
  - Fundraising

- Someone to be a good curator / Help Curate the Visual Artists / Connections
- Residency Center Experience (Jonell)
- Environmental / Sustainability Space / Land Stewardship
  - Ask TD
  - Local Tribes Indigenous Community
- Lopez Local
  - Farming Community
- Culinary World?
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- Jen Giroux
  - Recommended a few people
- Maya
  - Wants to ask Ben for recommendations for arts-interested lawyers who would be good board members
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- Jonathan / has a list of 3

#### Process

- **We are not yet inviting Board Members, because Executive Committee has to approve and then formally invite.**
- Jen starting a Google Doc

#### Timeline

- **ASAP / The sooner we apply the better because process can take a year**
  - Donation can start (retroactively “active” from date of filing once approved—FW to double-check)
  - Some programming can start
- **End of September / Have Potential Names**

#### What’s the Ask

- Quarterly Hour-Long Meeting—especially now, we’re in operational establishment, this is a new organization, making a connection for other means of making that we can’t provide
- Instagram/Website
- Language about the Organization is For

#### 5. Coming Month:

- Purpose Statement / Narrative for IRS / Has to be far more specific, narrative
- FW / JC sending the 3 sentence elevator pitch to JG and MG
- FW / JC sending bylaws to peruse
- Initial outreach to potential board members

- How much of FW/JC expenses and land maintenance can be covered as non-profit, and covered by income
  - Residency rent the space at a cost
  - But also for “private business” (what if someone wants to rent?)
    - People who come to perform
    - Artists who want to come and record an album
    - People doing programs to find a place to stay
    - Community resource
    - Keeping the people with means / reciprocate with donation
    - Artist of means supporting artist without means
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