

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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