



Governance Committee Report

Prepared by: Steve Geist, Chair

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		Dec 14 2016	Jan 11 2017	Feb 15 2017	Mar 8 2017
Attending					
Chair	Steve Geist	P	P	P	P
Trustee	Brent Asplundh	A	P	P	E
Committee	Dennis Beam	P	A	A	A
Trustee, Treasurer	Ray Henning	P	P	P	P
Trustee, Vice Chair	Tom Wolf	P	P	P	P
Staff	Barb Duke	P	P	P	P
Staff	Eric Smith	P	P	P	P

P – Present A – Absent E – Excused

Topics and Action Items

December 14

Trustee Emeritus status consideration for Randy Miller, discussion and contact Mr. Miller.

Inclusion of the best trustee practices and remove the member service options form from the trustee orientation materials. Schedule Sharon Lilly orientation. Steve Geist to contact Jeff Wilson regarding TCIA seat on the board of trustees. Eric Smith will work with Jennifer Lennox and Paul Fletcher on defining the functions of a possible new Communications Committee. Discussion is also underway for separating Education and Scholarship Subcommittee from the Research and Education Committee.

January 11

Steve Geist will contact Jacques Brunswick to ask if he would be willing to serve on the audit committee. Development and Communications Committee would like to form two separate standing committees. Brent Asplundh brought forward Dave Krause's name. Research and Education committee will consider forming a separate Education and Scholarship Committee after the 2017 grant cycle. Eric Smith will begin review and revision of committee descriptions for the Governance Committee to review. Brian Sayers has recommended Lori Brockelbank for consideration for the Board of Trustees. Eric Smith will contact Jaime Matyas.

February 15

The committee reviewed and agreed to Eric Smith's revisions to the Trustee Handbook. The committee recommends Sharon Jean-Philippe's nominations be taken to the full board for a vote of the trustees. Lori Brockelbank's trustee application has been received. Brent Asplundh will contact Dave Krause. Eric Smith will contact Jaime Matyas.

March 8

The committee agreed to hold on the applications from David Krause and Lori Brockelbank. Eric Smith will be contacting Brent Asplundh inquiring about his interest in serving on the Endowment Campaign Cabinet. Also ascertain if Brent Asplundh would finish out his term as a trustee or if David Krause would represent Asplundh and serve as chair of the future Communications Committee Chair.

Accomplishments:

1. Sharon Lilly joining the TREE Fund Board of Trustees.
2. Jacques Brunswick joined the Audit Committee.
3. Development and Communications Committee deciding to form 2 separate committees. Dave Krause has submitted his trustee application and is willing to chair the Communications Committee.
4. Trustee Handbook revision in process. Trustee orientation materials have been revised. Trustee service options removed.
5. Sharon Jean-Philippe joins the Board of Trustees.
6. All Trustees whose term of office end at the end of this year have been contacted. These individuals have all responded with their intention.

Objectives for the next 3 months:

1. Board of Trustees slate for 2018. We are prioritizing individuals outside of the "tree industry" and looking for individuals with development expertise.
2. Pull from the current Board of Trustees a Chair Elect for 2018.
3. Encourage succession planning within each standing committee.
4. Continue with governing document revisions and review.

Next Meeting Date:

May 10, 2017