

NACC Board Meeting 1/27/16

Meeting Notes

Attendance:

Maureen Emerson Feit
Matthew Hale
Renee Irvin
Patrick Rooney
Robert Donmoyer
Robert Ashcraft
Paul Palmer
Stuart Mendel

Linda Serra
Erin Carek

1. Approval of Minutes

The Board had no corrections or changes to the draft of the December 16, 2015 minutes: Approved.

2. President's Report

a. *Board Retreat:*

The board had received a summary of the retreat including the action steps required to move forward with the decisions agreed upon. Flip chart notes were attached to the summary. Generally, the Board thought the retreat useful, that it helped clarify NACC's future direction, and that the second day was particularly productive. Stuart Mendel thanked the Board and told them he was grateful for their enthusiastic participation.

b. *Membership:*

Presently, through a review process institutions are awarded one of three membership models: Full, associate, and partner memberships. The Board is considering a different structure to identify members. That being, by the institution's focus on three programmatic themes: Education, Research, and Community Engagement. Rather than identifying each institution as a full, associate, or partner member, each could be identified relative to their focus on one, two, or all three of the programmatic themes. Levels of membership will identify the amount of dues members will be assigned.

The Board agreed to think through the process and move forward carefully in terms of proceeding with a business model and the process of presenting it to current membership.

c. *Membership and Accreditation:*

The Board discussed how redefining membership criteria and policies relates to NACC and accreditation. Questions that came to the surface were: “must an institution be a member to be accredited?, what mechanism should be put in place to differentiate NACC from accreditation?” and, “is accreditation a mechanism to increase membership?” Another question: “Is redefining membership, with respect to the three categories, tied to the standards of quality?” Yes, but loosely, was the answer.

The Board decided that a membership proposal should be developed and approved by the Board but not implemented until next year. Clearly, redefining membership in NACC is not closely connected to the developing accreditation program. The purpose of the July Summit is to develop an accreditation process. It is understood though that any conversation about accreditation might lead to questions about membership.

The Board will draft a statement on membership and work on it together electronically. The intent is to complete the membership statement before the Accreditation Summit. The proposal will explain the new membership criteria to institutional representatives. Member institutions should know about the change before it is publicized in NACC News. When voting electronically on redefining membership, NACC members will have the opportunity to contribute ideas and reach consensus.

Maureen Emerson Feit and Matthew Hale will draft a proposal for the Board to consider. When approved the proposal will be sent to all institutional representatives with an opportunity for members to respond built-in.

d. *Accreditation:*

Nonprofit Leadership Alliance could be invited to attend the Accreditation Summit. The question of their attendance and a potential side-bar meeting held for their membership will be asked of Will Brown at Texas A&M, where the Summit will be held. The questions of sufficient space for their 30-40 members as well as the nature of their interaction with NACC will be determined. Susan Schmidt, president of NLA will be invited to present a paper at the Summit. Robert Ashcraft will approach Will Brown about the possibility of inviting NLA .

e. *Board Member Recruitment*

Matt Hale and Paul Palmer will develop a potential slate of new Board members.

3. *Treasurers Report:*

Robert Donmoyer reviewed the December Statement of Activity noting that less than 50% of members were current with their dues payment. A set of reminder invoices were sent the day of the meeting. After a few weeks the return response

will be reviewed and next steps considered. Understanding the reasons behind the late and missing payments is a priority.

Using Zoom as a vehicle for Board meetings could eliminate one of NACC's monthly expenses. Maureen Emerson Feit's Zoom contract permits unlimited calls and she will facilitate the February Board meeting to get us started.

4. Membership

Rutgers University is currently being considered for membership in NACC. Maureen Emerson Feit, Vice President for Membership, will distribute a memo of recommendation for Board approval when all reviews are received.

5. Old Business, New Business

The President asked if there were items to be discussed, either old or new business for the Board. There was nothing that had not been discussed, meeting adjourned.