

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Columbia & Greene Counties
Board of Directors Meeting
March 21, 2023
Agroforestry Resource Center, Acra

Present: Billy Greer, Virginia Benedict, Sandra Gardner, Virgilia Tegiacchi, Matt Maraglio, Roberta Keller, Joshua Lipsman, Sherry True, Amanda Pierro

Absent: Linda Levitt, Cathi Annese, Michael Brown, Alicia McCagg, Rebecca Pinder, Timothy Ooms

Staff: Lisa Gallina, Bipul Saha, Rebecca Polmateer

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 pm by Board President Virginia Benedict.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Amanda Pierro, second Billy Greer. Motion carried.

A motion to approve the February 15, 2023 meeting minutes was made. Vote was seven in favor, with two abstaining. Motion was carried.

Executive Committee – Virginia Benedict

The proposed restructuring of the standing committees was discussed with a recommendation that the Strategic Planning become a sub-committee of Finance & Human Resources. It was also proposed to combine the program committees so there are fewer meetings. A motion was made by Joshua Lipsman, second by Sandra Gardner. Motion was passed unanimously.

Finance & Human Resources Committee Report - Bipul Saha presented the 2022 year end.

- A motion was made by the committee to approve the designated fund transfer, with a second by Roberta Keller. Going into detail about designated funds, specifically the 4-H Special Projects fund was discussed for April. Motion was passed unanimously.
- A motion was made to move the surplus to the general fund by the committee, with a second by Virgilia Tegiacchi. Motion was passed unanimously.
- The liquidity statement and disclosure were discussed. A motion was made by the committee to accept it, with a second by Billy Greer. Motion passed unanimously.
- The Statement of Functional Expenditures was presented for information only.
- The Affirmative Action, Diversity and Inclusion plan was presented for board approval. The committee made a motion to approve it, with a second by Roberta Keller. Motion was passed unanimously.
- The open staff positions were presented for information only.
- The Sexual Harassment Training was moved to after the meeting adjourned so that only those that needed to take it would have to stay.

Facilities Committee- A meeting needs to be set up so that the most critical issues can be addressed in April.

Executive Director Report- Lisa Gallina.

Lisa's report was followed by a tour of the work being done on the "vintage" side of the Acra office.

There was no new business.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Joshua Lipsman, second Matt Maraglio. All were in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 7:28 pm.

Minutes prepared by Rebecca Polmateer, Association Program Director

2023 Standing & Program Advisory Committees

Standing

Standing committees and sub-committees are required to meet in person.

Finance & Human Resources (FHR)

Joshua Lipsman, Chair
Sandra Gardner
Roberta Keller
Matthew Maraglio
Virgilia Tegiacchi
Lead Staff: Lisa Gallina

Meets each month @30 minutes prior to the board meeting. The FHR Committee will also review the Plan of Work annually.

Fundraising (FHR sub-committee)

Cathi Annese, Co-Chair
Michael Brown, Co-Chair
Sandra Gardner
Linda Levitt
Rebecca Pinder
Lead Staff: Lisa Gallina & Administrator

*Meets six times per year – 3 in Acra/
3 in Hudson.*

Facilities

Linda Levitt, Chair
Michael Brown
Billy Greer
Rebecca Pinder
Lead Staff: Lisa Gallina

Meets six times per year – 3 in Acra/3 in Hudson.

Strategic Planning

Joshua Lipsman, Chair
Amanda Pierro
Alicia McCagg
Lead Staff: Lisa Gallina & Rebecca Polmateer

Note: Board President is an ex-officio member of all standing committees

Program Advisory

Environment & Natural Resources (ENR)

Matthew Maraglio, Co-Chair
Rebecca Pinder, Co-Chair
Michael Brown
Sandra Gardner
Billy Greer
Joshua Lipsman
Linda Levitt
Rebecca Pinder
Lead Staff: TBD

Meets four times per year – 2 in Acra/2 in Hudson.

4-H Youth Development & Families

Roberta Keller, Chair
Cathi Annese
Sandra Gardner
Alicia McCagg
Amanda Pierro
Virgilia Tegiacchi
Lead Staff: Rebecca Polmateer & Sara Poggi-Decker

Sub-Committees*

Siuslaw Model Forest

Michael Brown
Matthew Maraglio
Rebecca Pinder
Lead Staff: Tracey Testo

4-H Livestock

Sandra Gardner, Roberta Keller, Cathi Annese

4-H Dairy

Sandra Gardner, Roberta Keller, Cathi Annese

4-H Small/Medium Animal Project Workgroup

Sandra Gardner, Roberta Keller, Cathi Annese

*these sub-committees also include non-board members.

