

NCFC Board Meeting Minutes 4-29-18

by Terry Denny, Secretary

We met at the home of Diane Willis in Chapel Hill, starting at 2:00pm.

Members Present: Diane Willis, Charlie Causey, Julie Niederkorn, Terry Denny, Trish Kohler, Joanne Panek-Dubrock, David Sanderson, Gary Lewis, Linda McCall, Todd Power, Joy Herrington, James Bain, Eric Sadorf (Richard Chandler and Mary Boulton could not be present, and a phone/Skype connection with Mary did not work out.)

- I. By-Laws changes – report from Committee (Joy, Gary, Linda); discussion:
 - a. What should be done concerning members wishing to vote for Officers and Board members when they cannot attend the Fossil Fair meeting? First the board needed to confirm who is eligible to vote. It was agreed it should be individual members age 18 and over, or two adults from a household membership. There was extensive discussion about the options of digital voting or proxy voting. A motion was made and agreed upon unanimously that voting by proxy would be an acceptable solution. This will allow more members to participate in the election process. This will also avoid the possible difficulties of trying to set up a secure and effective digital system.
 - b. The By-laws committee felt there were minor conflicts between by-laws and rules of procedure which could be easily addressed; this needed no discussion at this time.
 - c. Election would still take place in November and start the new term of office immediately following the election, as has been the procedure. This would also mean that although nominations could not be made from the floor at the Fossil Fair, they could be made by petition at the meeting in September instead to ensure ballots would be the same for those voting by proxy. This requires a slight change in the Rules of Procedure: Strike “nominations may be presented from the floor at the annual meeting” (Article 4 section 6d) and maintain a chance to nominate from the membership after the slate is announced at the September meeting, but no later than 2 weeks (instead of 30 days) prior to the November (i.e. annual meeting/Fossil Fair) election.
 - d. Everyone agreed that a limit of how long people should serve in elected positions would not be addressed at this time.
- II. Field Trips – policies; sign-up procedures:

After some discussion, it was decided that members would be notified of trip dates and sign-ups would be on a specific date and time. Although we get to pick the dates, many of the trips are restricted by the quarries and we must abide by their rules for

these trips. Some of these will not allow multiple trips from the same person in the same season. Field trip instructions will be clarified to members at the May meeting.

III. Financial matters – budget process/review

There was discussion about whether we must have a budget, but it is not required. The treasurer's report covers much of this already and could be modified if needed in future. It was suggested we need to think about long-term use of funds and possibly nominate a chair to consider a possible fund to be used for grants/scholarships/researchers. Perhaps a volunteer could help David with this.

IV. Miscellaneous/other

- A. Website: Mike - Most info is moved over, but some still needs to be adjusted. Adding photos is very slow.
- B. Personal information protection (website; Janus): We discussed certain concerns about the publishing of personal information in Janus and the website. It was agreed to add some text to the membership form with details on how the information would be used. It may be possible to withhold some information upon request; however, in order to participate in field trips, contact information is needed.
- C. Science Olympiad 2020: Gary Lewis - There was brief mention to consider this but due to time, no decision was made.
- D. Buy a projector? Microphone/speaker? Information will be sent to Diane regarding prices and details.

V. Two items were decided by electronic votes not at this meeting.

- a. Minutes for the previous board meeting were approved unanimously.
- b. It was agreed to reprint 25 books for Vol. IV part 2 in time for the Aurora Fossil festival.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.