

Board of Governors Meeting
Wednesday, March 8, 2023
5:30-7:30 PM

Present: Debby Dittman, Kathy Roskos, Pam Roper, Karilee Wirthlin, Alice Hewitt, Catherine Ladnier, Mitra Lohrasb, Rachel Cefalu, Linda Goodrich, Angela DeMoss, Kieran Turan, Ariadne Wolf, AAMC Staff Lila Goehring.

Absent: Melissa Berkay, Ellen Hines, Judy Jones, Christina Hannan

1. Call to Order

President Dittman called the meeting to order at 5:41pm.

2. Approve February Minutes

Governor Hewitt made a motion to approve the February minutes, seconded by Governor Lohrasb. The motion passed unanimously.

3. President's Report

A clarification was requested about the renewal of the D&O insurance. President Dittman clarified that there had been two claims in the past few years, one related to the Mills lawsuit and one related to the nomination process of the BOG in 2022.

4. Nominating Committee Update

Governor Goodrich gave an update on the effort to replace two BOG members. She had been meeting with Governor Lohrasb to review all previous BOG applications. She will now call the nominating committee together, and would like to rework the application to be available online. Governor Goodrich was then excused from the meeting due to illness.

5. Operations Manager Report

A brief discussion ensued about how communications work is done—by committee or by staff. This will be discussed further at the next Communications meeting.

6. Forming Ad-Hoc Historical Preservation Committee

President Dittman introduced the idea of an ad-hoc historical preservation committee, after it came up recently that no Julia Morgan buildings were on the national historic register. A group has been formed who will begin this work, and a few governors also offered to join. Activities will be reported to the BOG monthly.

President Dittman made a motion to form the Ad-hoc committee, seconded by Governor Hewitt. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Mills Trademark Issue

Vice President Roskos gave an overview of the history of the Mills trademark, starting before trademarks existed as they do today. In 2009, Mills College applied for the trademark (name and logo) which was good for 10 years. Mills failed to renew in 2019 and the trademark was canceled in 2020. Northeastern applied for ownership in December of last year after assuming all of Mills' assets/ownership on July 1. According to the MOC, the AAMC may use Mills College's name. Vice President Roskos is waiting for an opinion from Rachael Meny on how this could affect the AAMC & its use of the name Mills College. It will be brought to the attention of Diane MacGillivray.

8. Status of 2017 MOC update

Information regarding this (via an email from Karl Mill) is available to the BOG on a shared Google Drive. Overall, the MOC should be treated as still active, with NU assuming Mills College's role as the surviving entity. This means that if the AAMC does not want a relationship with NU, the MOC would need to be negotiated. Otherwise, the AAMC would need to come as close as possible to our purpose to support Mills College.

Discussion ensued about next steps regarding the AAMC's future. It was suggested that the BOG check in in May about this process.

9. Annual Meeting Logistics

Governor Turan gave an overview of the platform that will be used at the annual meeting, ElectionBuddy, which is robust, secure, and capable of complex votes (that include on-the-floor nominations that are then voted on). He explained that it would be best to pay for the platform as well as support from ElectionBuddy staff. This year, candidates would be able to be voted on beforehand (with an option of a write-in) and floor nominations would still be taken during the meeting, as required by the bylaws. Votes in advance would be on candidates with bios. The exact plan will be decided on at next month's meeting. A draft agenda was suggested.

9. DEIA Plan

Governor Wolf addressed the group to ask how they would like to proceed with DEIA. They suggested co-facilitating regular relational time within meetings (possibly during a break) to give everyone a chance to take part in the discussion or take a break. It was said that relational time helps with empathy, and with connection during remote meetings. They also suggested building more extensive DEIA into retreats and orientations twice a year. Discussion ensued about a possible retreat this summer.

10. Adjourn

President Dittman adjourned the meeting at 7:40pm.

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