

Executive Committee Agenda
Wednesday, May 31, 2023 6:00 PM-7:30 PM

1. Call to Order

President Dittman called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM.

2. President's Update

President Dittman updated the group on efforts of the historical preservation (including proposed talks with professional historians and a possible upcoming campus tour). She updated the group on her travels to two recent presentations to branches by Mills Institute Executive Director Nicole Guidotti-Hernández in Seattle and New York. Alums in different areas had different concerns, including the future of the arts at Mills at Northeastern. She thanked those who have been involved in Annual Meeting planning, those who led the process of researching and interviewing potential facilitators for the BOG, and to the Nominating Committee for their recent work selecting the 2023-24 slate to be announced tomorrow.

3. Operations Manager Update

Lila gave her report, including information about an update to the shipping system to manage costs, and a recent meeting to plan a pride event for alums in August along with the Barnard College alum group of NorCal. The event will be in mid-August, not in conflict with the BoG orientation, and will be a casual potluck with outdoor games. This will hopefully establish a relationship between the two organizations.

4. Approval of 4/26 Minutes

A motion was made by Governor Hannan to approve the 4/26 minutes, seconded by Vice President Roper. The motion passed, with a correction from Governor Lohrasb regarding a typo.

5. Selection of Facilitator

Governor DeMoss and guest Governor Wolf presented their two selections for facilitator, Glodean Champion and Pat McCowan. Governor DeMoss shared Pat's responses to the questions posed by herself and Governor Wolf. The second candidate, Glodean, a Mills alum, was able to attend the meeting briefly and shared with the group her methods, successes, and costs. She engaged the group in conversation with questions about several issues. After she left, the group decided that more information/clarification is needed from the facilitators about their costs. There was discussion by the Board, and the Annual meeting managers felt it was not necessary to hire a facilitator for that meeting. No decision was made at about which facilitator to hire.

6. Annual Meeting Update

Governor Turan updated the group on the communications timeline for the annual meeting, and there was discussion of details regarding early nominations for the nominating committee, key

dates and deadlines, and the agenda. Those speaking at the meeting will pre-write their remarks prior to the meeting, and will participate in a mock meeting on June 11 or 12.

7. Nom Com Update

Vice President Roper updated the group on the Nominating Committee's work, including a summary of their process this year and going forward, as well as the challenges they have faced this year. The final slate will be presented to the whole Board on June 1 at a Special Meeting, to be approved. The list of candidates will be communicated to the membership prior to the annual meeting, and Governor Turan noted that they will be asked for a headshot and bio to be posted online and shared during the meeting.

8. Discussion of restricted and endowment funds oversight

Governor Hannan explained to the group that since the new fundraising committee will be focused on scholarships, a separate scholarship committee will need to be created to oversee the process and select recipients. The committee will decide where they want the funds to go - within Mills at Northeastern or not. She also noted that the 2023-24 budget has been created, and that this will be shared with the entire Board. She encouraged the group to review it to better understand how money is being spent, and expressed her appreciation for the narratives that were submitted.

10. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 PM