

**JOURNEY THROUGH HALLOWED GROUND PARTNERSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES ANNUAL MEETING**

HELD

Via Video Conference
March 10, 2023
10:00 a.m.

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Members attending:

Chair Chuck Ledsinger
Co-Vice Chair Chris Wall
Co-Vice Chair Kathleen Kilpatrick
Treasurer Chris Miller
Co-Secretary Jim Campi
Gertraud Hechl
Peter Friedman
Hollis McLoughlin
Martha Raymond
David Vela
David Williams

JTHG Team attending:

Bill Sellers
Michelle Burrelli
Katie Smolar

Other Attendees:

Brent Glass

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 am.

Chair Ledsinger confirmed that the Notice of Meeting had been given and that a quorum is in attendance.

Motion: To approve the minutes of the December 9, 2022 Board meeting.

MOTION BY: Kathleen Kilpatrick
SECONDED BY: Chris Wall
NONE BEING OPPOSED, THE MOTION CARRIED

Financial Discussion

Mr. Wall briefly discussed the financial reports. Ms. Wilhelm provided an overview of the current financial state and the financial executive summary.

Nominating and Governance Committee

Chair Ledsinger asked Trustees to think of potential new Trustees. He also discussed the recent discussion Mr. Wall and he had with Ken Merin, a potential new Trustee.

Motion: To nominate Ken Merin to the Board of Trustees

MOTION BY: David Vela
SECONDED BY: Chris Wall
NONE BEING OPPOSED, THE MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Sellers discussed potentially adding young Academy alumni as Trustees for one-year terms. Mr. Hollis thinks adding someone who has been through our program would be a good addition.

Mr. Miller stated we need to recruit Trustees more systematically.

Administration

Ms. Burrelli discussed the hiring, training, and supervision process for permanent and temporary staff.

Mr. Sellers discussed the recent situation with a former Academy staff member. Mr. Vela appreciates the transparency.

Ms. Burrelli provided an overview of all current insurance policies.

National Heritage Area

Mr. Sellers informed the board about the new Sunset Legislation (S. 1942) passed in January which extended the Journey Through Hallowed Ground National Heritage Area from 2023 to 2036.

Ms. Burrelli provided a brief update on the NPS UPenn evaluation. They have spoken with several Trustees since our last meeting. The next round of review goes to the National Park Service, then we will receive it after that review.

Ms. Burrelli also gave an update on the *Gettysburg* 30th Anniversary Celebration, which will be held October 13-15, 2023 at the Majestic Theater in Gettysburg, PA.

National History Academy

Mr. Sellers provided an overview of National History Academy. We are currently ahead of applications over past years. Mr. Sellers discussed utilizing more local JTHG historic sites like Eisenhower and Dodona Manor.

Chair Ledsinger discussed the strengths of the NHA curriculum. Mr. Miller pointed out that the JTHG region has incredible models of conservation and civic engagement.

Mr. Sellers discussed the upcoming summer Academy, and new partnerships with the Library of Virginia.

Ms. Raymond said be sure to follow the National History Academy on Facebook. The posts from past students about the profound impact of the Academy on their lives is very inspirational.

Extreme Journey Summer Camp

Ms. Smolar discussed the hire of Erik Sassak as the new Director of the Extreme Journey Summer Camp, and the process of developing two distinct programs so students can register for both programs.

National Scenic Byway

Mr. Sellers discussed the data center issues, which are ongoing. He provided an update on JTHG's involvement with each county.

Wayfinding

Mr. Sellers discussed ongoing discussions with PennDOT to mark the JTHG National Scenic Byway in Adams County. Mr. Miller said it has been reassuring to see the Journey signage up and down the JTHG corridor.

Living Legacy

Mr. Sellers discussed the VDot Report regarding the outstanding \$184,000 in LLTPP grant funding. Mr. Campi asked if ABT is able to help with the plantings. Ms. Burrelli stated they are included in the proposal. Mr. Miller discussed the funds available for riparian buffer planting. Mr. Miller suggested tying in some of the Journey's tree planting with Chesapeake Bay conservation goals.

Fundraising Report & Discussion

Dr. Glass discussed a state-by-state model for fundraising for National History Academy and efforts to building that network. Mr. Sellers discussed the challenges of a small staff as we try to grow and develop new programs.

Other business

- 2023 meeting dates:
 - June 9, 2023.
 - September 8, 2023
 - Annual Meeting - December 8, 2023

Motion: To adjourn the meeting.

MOTION BY: David Vela
SECONDED BY: David Williams
NONE BEING OPPOSED, THE MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm.