Connecticut River Conservancy

Nominating Committee meeting

April 27th, 2018

Attendees: Lora Wondolowski (phone), Bob Moore (phone), Melissa Ocana (phone)

Staff: Aliki Fornier (phone)

Minutes

The committee discussed officers and succession planning. First, they talked about who would be stepping into chair position. Humphrey Tyler declined, but melody accepted to take this position instead of vice-chair. There is possibility that Dave Hewitt will be stepping into vice-chair.

Secondly, there was discussing about having Kate Putman take the position of treasurer. Andy’s input on this matter is still needed, and it was agreed that Liz Austin would contact her to discuss her potential position.

Thirdly, the committee talked about giving the position of secretary/clerk chair to David Mears. It was agreed that Lora would call him to discuss this.

The committee discussed board candidate recruitment. The committee reviewed the pending matrix of candidates submitted by Trustees and staff.

Board Candidates to Date (who have agreed to serve if nominated)

• Tom Ciardelli, Lyme NH

* He agreed to serve.
* The committee has approved of his position as a board member.

• Neftali Duran, Holyoke MA (completed form)

* Suggested by Jossie Valentine after she declined to be a candidate. He still needs to complete an application form (tentative approval until review of application).
* Information about him: he is the owner of a bakery in Holyoke, MA. He is involved in environmental issues on the side and enjoys helping professors at Smith College with water testing. He specializes in community organizing.

Board Candidates (who have expressed interest)

• Cynthia Espinosa, Holyoke MA

* Suggested by Jossie Valentine after she declined to be a candidate. She still needs to complete an application form.
* Information about her: she is an environmental educator in Holyoke, and is passionate about environmental issues.

• Shay Plummer, Springfield MA

* She still needs to complete an application form. Angela Chaffee will set up a meeting were a board member and Andy will talk with her about her position and interest in the environment.
* Information about her: she is an economic developer. She has in interest in urban environmental issues, and is intrigued with working with CRC. One of her jobs is to bring businesses into the city.

• Payton Shubrick, Springfield MA

* She still needs to complete an application form. Angela Chaffee will set up a meeting were a board member and Andy will talk with her about her position and interest in the environment.
* Information about her: she works for MassMutual. She is interested in environmental issues and she is involved with Leadership Pioneer Valley.

Other potential candidates

• Marilyn Cruz-Aponte

* Bob is attempting to reach out to her a few more times

• Kristen Leutz

* She has agreed to be an advisor on capital campaign but won’t be a member of the board.

The committee discussed potential new people with development experience. Bob has a few people he would contact on the matter, Peter Patent being one of them, and ask for river steward Alicea Charamut’s input and ideas. Lora also agreed to contact Humphrey Tyler for his ideas.

The timeframe is to have a slate of candidates to recommend to the Board at its May meeting.

TASKS

Board Succession: Lora, Liz

Contact board candidates: All

Development experiences people: Bob, Lora