

NNREC Board of Directors Minutes

April 1, 2006, 1:00, South Valley Library, Reno

Note: Meeting minutes were taken, and charts composed. The charts were lost, so the only record is these minutes.

In attendance: Dan Allison, Stephanie Lefevre, Shirley Pollock, Mark Kimbrough, Anga Rebane

Agenda: approved

History: Mission and vision came from strategic planning meetings earlier this year, involving agency and non-board participants.

Definitions: Vision = world we want; Mission = our part in making that happen; we may end up with these two plus values; lists on the wall: “Things to hold,” “Values”

Previous meetings (2006-01-22, 2006-03-14 strategic planning meetings, and 2005-11-08, 2005-12-08 Advisory Council meetings), during meetings, people expressed concerns about:

- future generations
- society stealing from the world
- passing on world in worse shape
- people want us to be advocates (history: Shirley went to legislature to demand support for EE in curriculum)
- advocacy by an individual NNREC member (Dan) is different from NNREC advocating
- agencies (government) didn't participate much in visioning workshops; their concern is responsible land use, sustainable use
- agencies and school districts will probably support us if we're persistent and in their faces and insistent
- historically agencies in southern Nevada don't want us to advocate for EE or agencies to be made to do things
- discussion on relationship with agencies
 - Mark: we “actively pursue: EE activities
 - Shirley: we're now trying to bring agencies into EE process
 - Dan: agency people don't support and attend workshops, he thinks because of our advocacy; people want NNREC to be a **strong** voice for advocacy and leading EE and being proponent for; we need to find a balance between agencies and nonprofit desires
 - Stephanie we are referring people to resoruces for various needs, political and projects; passing information along on projects and supporting them is one of our functions
 - Mark: to get job done, we must work with partners and coordinate
 - Dan: organization needs strong mission that all members can support; existing mission statement is bland, doesn't encourage enthusiasm and dedication in members
- strategic planning meetings said we need:
 1. staff to drive EE actions and connections

- 2.coordinate what people do in EE = drawing people to work together
- 3.teacher training (professional development)

Discussion:

- Stephanie: NNREC should be lead organization for EE in state
- Dan: likes catalyst in mission statement
- what - brining people together
- why - creating environmentally literate citizens
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Mission statement (developed after a series of revisions, unanimously adopted by the board):
NNREC is a catalyst for environmental sustainability, generating partnerships that foster stewardship, conservation and responsible land use, with students, educators, and communities to ensure a healthy environment for future generations.

Other business: Talked to Rich Harvey of NDF recently, NNREC will receive \$9000; leftover money exists from clearing out books from past and transferring accounts - we can have it if we request it; \$8-9,000 per year can be expected next year and following years from NDF, he gets \$15,000 per year for conservation education, some goes to southern Nevada