

SOELS Executive Committee

May 28, 2020 2:30-4:00 p.m.

Zoom: <https://soesd.zoom.us/j/94007393642>

Attendees: Geoff Lowry, Lisa O'Connor, Eileen Micke-Johnson

Staff: Rene Brandon, Vicki Risner

## Meeting Agenda

Topic

Notes

Debrief governance council May 21st Retreat

Eileen: It went far better than I hoped. The individual on-boarding was a great success.

Rene': Pleasantly surprised. We have been very lucky to get the folks we did during this time.

## SOELS Officer changes

We're talked about the lack of the role of the Secretary and Treasurer positions in one of our prior meetings. Vicki is now taking our notes and ESD handles the treasurer duties.

Lisa is resigning as an officer to focus on other hands-on needs at this time. Is open to working on committees when there is a need. She will continue on the Governance Council.

Eileen: Seems like a nature time to make these changes.

Rene': Eileen's official co-chair position expired in April, but I asked her to stay on while we finish this scope of work with the infrastructure. Eileen has agreed to stay on to maintain continuity until we have closure.

Eileen: I will be fine with stepping down when it makes sense to bring on a new co-chair.

Geoff: I would love Eileen to stay on forever. I'm going to miss both Eileen and Lisa.

Agreed that July will be Eileen's last meeting as co-chair. Ask other members to consider stepping up with a vote in July.

## Establish process for selecting committee chairs

Rene' brought up the need for the committee chairs attend the Executive meetings. Is there anything that would prohibit someone who is not an Executive Council member, but might be a committee chair, be part of the executive committee. I personally think it would widen the pool of potential chairs.

Eileen: One drawback might be that the chair might be passionate about that specific committee's work but not want an additional meeting. Suggested the use of co-chairs, a committee member and someone outside the Executive Council member.

Lisa: I like that.

Rene': Then there wouldn't be anything prohibiting non-Executive Council members from attending meetings.

## Preliminary budget discussions for June governance council meeting

How we might approach our budget situation. We won't have finite numbers by our June meeting. Show what we know, how we would prioritize what would get cut. Talk about the scope of the projects, what normal might look like in September.

Eileen: It's a good time to refresh the information for everyone and talk about the programs for the new members.

Rene': In touch with what we know so far.

Lisa: Create a rubric for scoring, aligns the rights of Oregon, priorities, how closely these programs align with those.

Rene': When Raise Up Oregon plan came out, we identified where in the Raise Up Oregon plan. Maybe introduce the rubric at the June meeting then perhaps use it in July when the numbers are more set.

## Recruitment for Funding and Investment Committee

Seems timely to pull this committee together. How do we move forward once we know what the numbers are going to be.

Geoff: I think you want people from all of the different sectors. That they do something different. That it's not about making money. Someone to keep the group grounded. Reminding them that we get the funds and the need to spend it. Wants somebody from business, somebody from non-profits.

Eileen: We had brainstormed names before. It would be good to revisit that list.

Lisa: I'm going to send Rene' info from FNC's stewardship committee search. Suggested checking out United Way.

Rene': This committee should be different, with a specific skill set. Do we have people apply for it? Nomination form?

Lisa: Great way to look for conflict of interests. We could do both an application and nomination. (Rene' requested Lisa to share the forms they used on their stewardship committee).

Rene': We talked about no more than 8 people. Large enough that if one or two absences the work would continue, but not so many that the meetings get bogged down.

More of a seasonal committee, not necessarily having a regular meeting schedule.

#### Other Business

Conversation about the term Ding Dong Ditch. Good humor.

Adjourned 3:04 pm