

Truth Has a Voice Foundation
Board Meeting Minutes
April 18, 2024
Time: 5:00 p.m.
101 North F Street, 2nd FL Conference Rm, Salida, CO
And via Zoom

Call to Order at 5:04 p.m.

Members in Attendance:

At this date, the Board of Truth Has a Voice (THAVF) Foundation consists of six members: Merrell Bergin, President; Joe Jordan, Treasurer and Secretary; JoAnne Allen, Director; Tonya Wyles, Director; Maisie Ramsay, Director and Kate Garwood, Director. All were duly notified of the meeting via email, and provided in advance with an agenda.

Attendees: (all via Zoom): Bergin, Ramsay, Garwood plus Jan Wondra. A quorum was present

Absent: Jordan (Family Medical), Allen (PTO) , Wyles (Travel delays)

Consent Agenda

- Approval of Feb. 15, 2024 Minutes – motion by Garwood, 2nd Ramsay – Aye vote
- Approval of Dec. 05, 2023 Minutes (continued due to absence of Joe Jordan)

Board of Directors

- Update on proposed candidates, to be followed up and vetted
 - **Wondra: Ed Cooper (Financial Advisory); Jim Miller (Bergin to contact)**
 - **Garwood: Jody Bol/Larry Moskow; potential project volunteers**
 - **Ramsay: Mike Rosso – retired, not interested**
- Discussion continued around balancing skill sets with candidates. A work session is proposed to review this further, together with priorities for Board policy updates.

2023-2024 Officers

Terms of officers run to fiscal year, ending June 30, 2024 at which time new officers will be chosen. Current roster shown; additional nominations are welcomed.

- President: *Merrell Bergin*
- Vice President: *Kate Garwood*
- Treasurer: *Joe Jordan, acting*
- Secretary: *JoAnne Allen, acting*

Committee Updates

- Executive Committee
- Finance Committee
- Development Committee -Tonya, Maisie
 - Business/Corporate Sponsors – Ramsay and Wyles working on a framework for policy and strategy, structure, and process; report out in June. Bergin and Wondra targeting individuals to approach in parallel.
 - March Mailing to individuals in LGL, age 70+ for QCD appeal; results TBA
- Governance Committee
 - Policies/Support Priorities Needed – see Resolution 1
 - JTI Audit update – Wondra
 - Crisis Communications/Board Statements
 - Data Privacy – Garwood – research on Colorado Nonprofit Association; recommended their materials as a coordinated, Colorado-specific resource for a full suite of policies.
 - Journalism-specific policies- Bergin has COLab Operations and Employee Manuals we have been granted access to use for internal polices. Policy Manual with sections and revision history to be developed. Update key summaries/topics on website.
- Community **Engagement** Committee Update
 - Candidates – Allen; no update
 - Scope of Committee – Wondra; Learn community topics and concerns; how to represent facets of the community not just in the 2024 election cycle. A glide path for eventual committee work and/or board. Ideate with Allen before pursuing.

Managing Editor/Publisher Report – Jan Wondra delivered her report

Treasurer’s Report by Fund/Program

- Financial Statements as of Feb. 29, 2024, from THAVF “Outreach” Fund
 - Fund Balance at INN \$3,314
 - Fund Balance at HCB \$110
- Financial Statements as of Feb. 29, 2023, from INN for “AVV” Fund
 - Feb. 29 Fund Balance at INN \$4,962
 - Feb. 29 Fund Balance at HCB \$8,691
- Dec. 31 Budget vs. Actual Comparison (for FY to date, July-Feb.) – to follow
- INN Potential donor mapping LGL – to be scheduled
- Application for THAVF own 501(c)(3) -pending

New Business

- **Resolution 1:** To join [Colorado Nonprofit Association](#) at a cost of \$190. annually to be paid by Bergin, submitted and reimbursed by INN from the THAVF Fund. In addition to best practices, this will allow us access to “PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICES FOR NONPROFIT EXCELLENCE IN COLORADO”, which is proposed to be the template for our policy manual. Motion by Ramsay, 2nd by Garwood - PASSED
- **Resolution 2:** That the Board of Directors of THAVF submit a resolution of support to the League of Women Voters Chaffee County (LWVCC) for the countywide [“Together We Stand” Project](#). <https://together-we-stand.org/> Motion by Ramsay, 2nd by Garwood - PASSED

Continuing Business

- THAVF website updates
 - Public Posting and Transparency
- Confirm 2024 meeting dates: Third THURSDAY alternate months at **5:00 p.m.**

June 20	October 17
August 15	December 19

Motion to Adjourn; at 6:28 p.m.

/S/ Kate Garwood, President_

/S/ JoAnne, Secretary

Approved: June 26, 2024