

MINUTES

In attendance: Board – Dave Duncan, Connie Gallippi, Bob Blum, Isby Fleischmann, Laura Barnett, Gordon Mann, Tom Story. **Excused:** Emily Spillet, Keene Simonds and Jason Evans. **Staff:** Nancy Hughes and Deb Etheredge.

Meeting called to order at 9:04AM

Agenda approved - unanimously

Consent Calendar approved unanimously – Dave moved/Connie Seconded

Nancy gave an update mainly on the Sustainable Urban Forests Coalition and the potential issues that will confront us under a Trump administration. She also spoke on the Federal Audit and the funding climate and opportunities in Sacramento for 2017.

Deb discussed that we are nearing a 1,000 friends on Facebook and that we are rebuilding our IFGU website to a degree because GoDaddy has made changes that have affected our WordPress design.

Committee Updates

Executive - Nancy discussed the two new policies created due to Federal Audit: 1) Organization Financial Contingency Management, and 2) CaUFC Allocation Plan (how we will bill for indirect costs). We will need an emergency activities training for the executive board members in the new year, most likely aligned with the February in-person board meeting.

Office Update – Dave mentioned that staff is researching other partnerships and office opportunities, one being Project Coyote. Nancy has visited one location in San Rafael which would pencil out to be about the same as our rent at 555 Northgate in one location, but a very small office is available which would help to reduce costs.

Dave mentioned Nancy's review & recommended package and acknowledged those who had responded to his email requests.

Nancy mentioned that the 2017 Budget preparation will be underway shortly and hopefully completed by the end of the year, though the CalFire grants are on conflicting schedules.

Development – Nancy discussed Greg Tarver's application submittal and that Dave and Emily have copies currently – Greg has asked for a meeting with Emily in January. Nancy has followed-up with Keene on his recommendations and he has shared the name of Rick Hess, formerly of Oracle, as a possible supporter. The group discussed

briefly the option of shifting now to an advisory structure with folks such as Hess becoming an Ambassador. We will work on this concept in the new year.

Fundraising – Nancy mentioned Keene sharing that he had been in touch with the Vineyard owner and he is very much in support of an event for 2017. Keen, Dave and Emily will follow-up shortly on this.

Staff raised \$8,700 from the 2016 conference (CA ReLeaf received the same amount).

Program - Next Round of CAL FIRE Grants were discussed briefly.

Next telephone meeting January 20, 2017 - 9:00AM

Next in-person meeting for February 16th 2017, location – 555 Northgate Drive – South Conference Room, 2nd Floor, San Rafael, CA 94903 (tentative till final approval is given, but scheduling underway).

Adjourn – 9:55AM