



Creating the Future Board of Directors

January 21, 2013

10am - 12noon Pacific Time

Meeting Agenda

Board Packet:

- Board minutes December 2012 meeting
- Financial statements December 2012
- Agenda (this page)
- Proposed policy: Closed Sessions
- Current programs in context of mission
- Calendar of Events 2013
- Reverse Engineering worksheet
- Status Report (written)
- Status Report / Agenda Detail Video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q72IPIKkFRw&feature=youtu.be>
- Pages from "Board Recruitment & Orientation" for orientation discussion

1) Welcome to our Online Guests

This month is our first month of streaming our board meetings live online, with concurrent twitter chat for those who wish to participate. Welcome to all of you as we navigate just what this will mean in practice (And please be gentle. This is our beta-test month, or more to the point, our alpha-test month. We're all navigating this new world together!)

2) Awesomeness!

Inspired by the video here <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ihpNNBmJypE>, we will each share something awesome that has happened to us personally in the past week or so.

Per the board's discussion at its November meeting, this month board members will also share ways they have engaged people in Creating the Future's work.

3) New Board Member

Adding Mark Eckhardt to the board (vote)

4) Consent agenda

- Minutes of December 2012 meeting (prepared by Drew - Thank you, Drew!!)

5) Establishing the Meeting Agenda

Per the video <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q72IPIKkFRw&feature=youtu.be> and our discussions last month, the following are the agenda items for this month. During this item, we will determine if there are other priorities for discussion.

- Adopting a Policy on Closed Sessions
- Board Orientation Process

6) Review of Approach for Board Discussions

Per the board's decision in October 2011, in all board discussions, the board will "eat its own dog food" - walk the talk of what we teach, per the attached Reverse Engineering worksheet.

For each discussion item, we will use the presenting issue to reach for the highest potential outcome from the discussion. We will then reverse engineer to find the range of conditions / options / circumstances that will address the presenting issue within the context of its potential results.

Questions to kick off those high-potential discussions will include:

What is important about this issue? What is the best possible outcome from this discussion?

What would resolution of this issue make possible, and for whom?



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7) Discussion items

Depending on the board's priorities in Item 5 above, the following is background for those items:

Policy: Closed Sessions

Before the meeting:

- 1) Review the policy (attached)
- 2) Watch the video <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q72IPIKkFRw&feature=youtu.be>
- 3) Review the comments at the blog post and at the draft policy itself, linked from the post here <http://blogs.creatingthefuture.org/walkingthetalk/2012/05/20/going-behind-closed-doors/>

Actions to be Taken:

Vote to adopt policy

Orientation Process

Before the meeting:

- 1) Watch the video review of this issue: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q72IPIKkFRw&feature=youtu.be>
- 2) Please review the minutes from the past few meetings, specific to this issue.
- 3) Please read excerpts from 3rd Edition of Board Recruitment & Orientation: A Step-by-Step, Common Sense Guide (in board packet)

Actions to be Taken:

Continue discussion started last month, to develop procedures and processes to ensure that new board members are able to hit the ground running as leaders of the organization's mission, vision and values.

8) February Meeting Agenda

What discussion items would the board like to see on the agenda for the December meeting?

9) Blog

What issues discussed today do we want to blog about, to continue the discussion?

Closing

10) Reflection:

As you look over your notes from the meeting, what stood out for you? What do you want to continue to think about? What excited you?