



Executive/Governance Committee Meeting

Monday, October 5, 2020

1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

To Be Conducted via Video/Teleconference ONLY

NOTICE

PLEASE NOTE THAT DUE TO THE COVID-19 RELATED CLOSURES IN EFFECT AT THIS TIME, THERE WILL BE NO IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE AT THIS MEETING. This meeting is being conducted in conformance with the State of Nevada Executive Department Declaration of Emergency Directive 006 dated March 22, 2020. If you desire to listen to this meeting, please utilize one of the following methods:

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To Submit Public Comment on individual agenda items, or for general public comment:	Use this link/email address/ phone number:	Available to use during this period:
<p>By email:</p>	<p>foundationinfo@dri.edu</p> <p>Be sure to include your name, zip code, the agenda item number on which you are providing comment, along with your comment.</p> <p>Please also indicate whether you want your email comment to be read on the record during the live meeting, or added to the backup materials for the record. If not specified, comments will be added to the backup materials for the record.</p>	<p>For comments submitted prior to and during the live special meeting</p>
<p>By Video:</p>	<p>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84301336421?pwd=ZzV0czY0RTdZRkZOVVwRnVUS2tXUT09</p>	<p>For comments submitted during the live special meeting only</p> <p>Note: Due to anticipated processing time, we encourage you to be prepared to provide your comments at the beginning of the Public Comment period rather than waiting until the end to be sure your text message is received and read into the record while the item is being considered.</p>

Individual comments will be limited to three (3) minutes and those representing group comments will be limited to ten (10) minutes. The Chair reserves the right to curtail or decline to read into the record comments that are abusive, offensive, inflammatory or repetitive and that disrupt, disturb or otherwise impede the orderly conduct of the Committee meeting. See [NRS 241.030\(4\)\(a\)](#). Examples of disruptive comments include, without limitation, name calling, use of profanity, personal attacks, intimidation, threats, or any other comments intended to impede the meeting or infringe on the rights of the DRI Research Foundation, DRI staff, or meeting participants.

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AGENDA

Note: Below is an agenda of all items scheduled to be considered. Unless otherwise stated, items may be taken out of the order presented at the discretion of the Chair.

- 1. Items may be taken out of order;*
- 2. Two or more items may be combined;*
- 3. Items may be removed from agenda or delayed at any time;*

This agenda incorporates by reference the agendas posted for the following committee meetings. For any items identified in those agendas as “recommendation” or “action” the DRI Foundation Executive Committee may also take action.

- 1. *Call to Order*** **FOR INFORMATION**
Tina Quigley, Board Chair

- 2. *Public Comment***
Comments by members of the public will not be restricted based upon the speaker’s viewpoint.

- 3. *Approval of Minutes from September 14, 2020 Executive Committee Meeting*** **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**
Tina Quigley, Board Chair

- 4. *Discussion and Nomination of Officers for Terms Beginning January 1, 2021*** **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**
Tina Quigley, Board Chair

- 5. *Public Comment***
Comments by members of the public will not be restricted based upon the speaker’s viewpoint.

- 6. *Adjourn***

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Foundation Board Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

DATE: 9/14/20		TIME: 1:00 p.m	
MEETING CALLED TO ORDER		The meeting was called to order by Quigley at 1:01 p.m.	
NOTE TAKER		Becky Coleman	
BOARD OF TRUSTEES PRESENT		Tina Quigley, Tom Gallagher, Soraya Aguirre, Holger Liepmann, Chuck Creigh, Kumud Acharya	
BOARD OF TRUSTEES NOT PRESENT			
STAFF AND GUESTS PRESENT		Bob Gagosian, Becky Coleman, Iris Stewart	
AGENDA TOPICS			
AGENDA ITEM	CALL TO ORDER	PRESENTER: QUIGLEY	
DISCUSSION	Quigley called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. with a quorum.		
AGENDA ITEM	PUBLIC COMMENT	PRESENTER: QUIGLEY	
DISCUSSION	There was no public comment. No public comment was received prior to the beginning of the meeting via email or voicemail.		
CONCLUSION	Informational		
AGENDA ITEM	APPROVAL OF MINUTES <i>*VOTE REQUIRED</i>	PRESENTER: QUIGLEY	
DISCUSSION	Quigley asked if there were any questions or changes to the minutes from May 18, 2020 and August 24, 2020.		
CONCLUSION	The incorrect name appears in the discussion of agenda item "Recommendation of Michael Benjamin as Trustee" in the August 24, 2020 minutes. It should read "A recommendation from the governance committee is required for President Acharya to nominate Mr. Benjamin to be nominated as trustee." It was moved by Liepmann and seconded by Creigh to approve the minutes with the noted correction. <i>*The motion passed unanimously.</i>		
AGENDA ITEM	PRESIDENT'S REPORT	PRESENTER: ACHARYA	
DISCUSSION	President Acharya thanked the Foundation for their support in being appointed permanent President at DRI. Approximately 80% of DRI faculty and staff continue to work remotely during the pandemic without significant disruption to operations. Dr. Monica Arienzo participated in an interview with Senator Cortez Masto during the Tahoe Summit, featuring work initially funded by an IRP grant. The Healthy NV Project published their first research outcome in the journal "Nature." The Native Waters on Arid Lands program at DRI received a USDA rapid response grant to develop a COVID toolkit for use in the Four Corners region.		
CONCLUSION	Information only.		

AGENDA ITEM	CHAIR'S REPORT	PRESENTER: QUIGLEY
DISCUSSION	The Working Group concluded their meetings on August 18 and their recommendations will be presented to the full board on September 21, 2020. Some of the topics they considered were the roles and interactions between the Foundation, Advancement Office, and President's Council; board composition; collaborations with faculty; basis for strategic planning; advisory committees; and role of DRC. The group will propose updates to the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws as well.	
CONCLUSION	Information only.	
AGENDA ITEM	TREASURER'S REPORT <i>*VOTE REQUIRED</i>	PRESENTER: LIEPMANN
DISCUSSION	Two months into the new fiscal year, the financial position is positive. The refund of property taxes paid in error has boosted unrestricted cash by \$14,000. Expenses remain tightly controlled. Liepmann expressed praise for donors contributing restricted gifts in FY20, especially the dedication of Mr. Gallagher to the Innovation Research Program.	
CONCLUSION	It was moved by Gallagher, and seconded by Aguirre to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. <i>*The motion passed unanimously.</i>	
AGENDA ITEM	FY20 AUDIT UPDATE	PRESENTER: COLEMAN
DISCUSSION	The auditors anticipate a final review will take place this week, with the rep letter and issuance occurring no later than September 24.	
CONCLUSION	Information only.	
AGENDA ITEM	ADVANCEMENT REPORT	PRESENTER: GAGOSIAN/COLEMAN
DISCUSSION	The President, VP of Research, and Advancement are in the process of working with Division Directors to establish several initiatives to present to donors. As ideas are formed, members of the Foundation will be asked to offer advice and opinions on the viability of the suggested initiatives. DRI was one of the institutions affected by the Blackbaud data breach incident, with relatively low impact. DRI is working with NSHE's external legal counsel to manage the notifications and impact.	
CONCLUSION	Information only.	
AGENDA ITEM	VIRTUAL EVENTS <i>*VOTE REQUIRED</i>	PRESENTER: COLEMAN
DISCUSSION	A proposal from VERO Strategies was presented to provide assistance producing a virtual IRP event and transitioning Nevada Medal to a virtual event. The IRP event will focus on the return on investment of the seed grants, the exciting new projects that have been funded, and clear takeaway messages for the audience about the importance and application of the research. The ongoing pandemic prevents us from realistically planning to host an in-person NV Medal gathering. Since we have publicly announced Dr. Sullivan as our medalist and have collected sponsorships, it is important we host some type of event. A pre-recorded virtual event with measurable goals is proposed and will be explored.	

CONCLUSION	A motion was made by Gallagher and seconded by Creigh to engage VERO Strategies in assisting with the virtual IRP and NV Medal events as outlined in the proposal. <i>*The motion passed unanimously.</i>	
AGENDA ITEM	GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE: SET ANNUAL MEETING DATE AND DISCUSSION OF EXPIRING TERMS *VOTE REQUIRED	PRESENTER: QUIGLEY
DISCUSSION	The annual meeting of the Foundation will be set for October 23, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. and will be held virtually. A discussion of which trustees will be completing terms and expiring terms for officers was conducted with no action taken.	
CONCLUSION	A motion was made by Creigh and seconded by Liepmann to set the annual meeting of the Foundation for October 23, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. <i>*The motion passed unanimously.</i>	
AGENDA ITEM	PUBLIC COMMENT	PRESENTER: QUIGLEY
DISCUSSION	There was no public comment.	
CONCLUSION	Informational	
NEXT MEETING	To be determined	
ADJOURNMENT	The meeting was adjourned at 2:04 p.m.	

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