



NHANRS

New Hampshire Association of Natural Resource Scientists

Board of Directors

MEETING MINUTES

Regular Meeting – August 19, 2024

Via Zoom

Call to Order 4:05 PM:

Present: President: Collis Adams (CA); Vice President: Deidra Benjamin (DB); Treasurer: Spencer Tate (ST); Membership Chair: Sarah Large (SL); Administrative Assistant: Brian Matott (BM)

Absent: Secretary: Noah Buckner (NB); Communications Chair: Elizabeth Olliver (EO); Legislative Chair: Kimberly Peace (KP); Interim Education Chair: Randall Shuey (RS)

Approval of Minutes:

SL made the motion to approve the minutes from the July 15 BOD Meeting. ST seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The minutes from the August 9 Business Meeting were discussed and no edits to the document were necessary.

Financial Report – Treasurer:

ST reported that there was a net profit for the past month resulting from registrations for both the Summer Meeting and the Summer Botany Workshop. SL inquired if NHANRS had to pay for both venues after moving the Summer Meeting location. BM confirmed payment for both locations as the decision was made after the deadline to receive any refund from the Near Brook State Park booking.

Committee Reports:

No Committee Reports were provided this month as the majority of the Chairs were absent

Membership:

Communications:

ST stated that the Society of Soil Scientists of Northern New England (SSSNNE) was planning a Floodplain Soils Field Day on September 20 and inquired about NHANRS promoting this event. DB made the motion that the event be published on the website and by broadcast email. SL seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Legislative:

Education:

Administrative Assistant Report:

Old Business:

2025 Board of Directors

CA open the discussion on whether to provide an incentive to those who volunteer to serve on the Board. There was extensive discussion on the topic with suggestions for incentives such as complimentary membership dues or meeting/workshop registrations. DB suggested that registration fees for meetings in which Board member presence is required be waived. **DB and SL will work on a service incentive proposal to present to the Board prior to delivering it to the Membership for a vote at the Annual Conference.** BM suggested sending this plan out with the Membership Renewal communication to help illicit interest in serving.

DB inquired as to the intentions of current Board members for the upcoming year. To reduce confusion, SL read from the bylaws that state:

“Directors shall serve one-year terms and may serve up to three consecutive terms in any given position”

BM will send out a copy of the bylaws to all Board members. DB or CA will email Board members to determine their intentions for 2025.

CA suggested a scholarship to provide assistance to those in need for membership dues or meeting/workshop registrations. It was agreed by the Board that this suggestion deserved consideration.

2025 Annual Conference

CA suggested creating a committee to assist with the Annual Conference and the consensus was to leave this with the Education Committee.

BM noted that suggested topics include “When does a channel become a stream?” and “Ordinary High Water Mark”. SL suggested that there be a continued topic for Climate Change worked into the theme.

New Business:

For the Good of the Association:

Adjournment:

SL made the motion to adjourn. DB seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 4:48 PM

The next BOD Meeting will take place at 4:00 PM, Monday, September 16th via Zoom

Minutes submitted by: Brian Matott