

PLATO Board of Directors Meeting
Approved Minutes
August 13, 2021
9:30 a.m. via Google Meet

Present: Kathy Brown, President, Carla Diiorio, Sandi Fike, Patricia Herrling, Mike Kernats, Scott Kolar, Hedy Lukas, Rod McKenzie, Michael Stevens, Therese Stevens, Meg Taylor, Paul Thompson

Also present: Louise Fowler, Stephanie Steigerwaldt

Welcome 2021 – 2022 Board members!

Approval of June 2021 Board Minutes Motion made to approve minutes. Passed.

Treasurer's Report – Scott reported on the financial status of PLATO. We are in good shape, with strong membership renewals totaling about 780+ so far.

Committee Updates

- Confirm new committee co-chairs – a motion was made and approved to confirm Sandi Fike as the co-chair of Technology with Scott Kolar, and Carla Diiorio as co-chair of Special Events with Mike Diiorio.
- Membership & Communication Committee – Dues renewal campaign – Hedy reported that membership is hitting their targets for renewal.
- Others: SEC is planning a lecture at Oakwood in late September.

Re-opening PLATO Activities this Fall

- Impact of changing COVID health metrics – Meg Taylor updated us on current CDC and Dane County guidelines. The CDC is considering booster vaccines, and the PLATO COVID Advisory Workgroup is available to provide us with further updates when requested.

Therese and Paul from the Curriculum committee updated us on the status of host location requirements for the fall. Registration for courses is coming up soon. Currently there are 15 on-line courses, but this is a moving target as events unfold. All are required to follow CDC and Dane County health guidelines. A motion was made and passed to require PLATO members to wear masks and social distance at any PLATO in-door events and follow host locations protocols. A motion to require vaccination for indoor/in-person courses was made. The motion was not carried. The Executive committee will discuss criteria needed to go all online if needed based on host locations decisions.

PLATO Office Move Update

- Kathy, Scott and Stephanie have explored options available, and Kathy has been in talks with Oakwood West about moving our office there. (Documents detailing this were made available to the Board). A motion was made and approved for PLATO to ask Oakwood to take this to their Board for approval and for the Executive committee to enter into an agreement with Oakwood. Oakwood had asked that we include a mention of their support of PLATO. A motion was made and approved to add wording as follows to our PLATO website: "PLATO is proudly supported in part by Oakwood Village". The Oakwood logo will also be shown on our website.

Other Business

- PLATO Board Meetings - The PLATO Board agreed that meetings would be held virtually for now.
- Others

Next Board meeting: October 8, 2021