

Online Meeting Minutes

Discussion and Voting Ecofootprint Grant Workshop Instructor Position

March 2015

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[Angela Isackson](#) with [Minnesota Dragonflies](#) and [11 others](#).

March 19 at 12:20pm

ONLINE BOARD VOTE

As of March 14th the pool of RFP responses for the Ecofootprint grant's Workshop Instructors closed and zero applications were received by the Project Manager.

However, Crystal Boyd, current Project Manager of the grant and board member, has offered to additionally take on the education coordinating roles for both geographic regions. The original plan was to select from the pool of submitted proposals but because there were none, I, [Angela Isackson](#), make a motion that in light of the lack of proposals we select Crystal based on her current role within the project, her relevant background and skills, and her interest in taking on the education responsibilities to be accepted as the Workshop Instructor of the Ecofootprint Grant.

Additional comments can be posted here. The vote will be tallied three days from now. Vote in this thread so our secretary can copy and paste this for the minutes. An email has been sent to all current board members.

Comments

[Minnesota Dragonflies](#) Will this be another case where too much is being take on by one person, and you are concerned about potential burn out? What are all the tasks and roles? Would we be able to post again and offer them to entice new recruits to MDS?

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[Kurt Mead](#) I believe that there is a difference between a paid position and volunteer position. As much as I love my current job I would not last long as volunteer working the same hours.

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[Minnesota Dragonflies](#) Yes. I meant paid.

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[Kurt Mead](#) I guess the point I was making was that if the administration of these funds and research were being done by a volunteer there would likely be a higher probability of burn out.

If it's someone's job (albeit part-time) I don't see that that burn out is as likely.

insert universal disclaimer here But I have been wrong before....

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[Mitch Haag](#) I would be fine with this. I believe Crystal would do a great job and we can split some of the workshops in the survey areas. We will get it done.

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[Minnesota Dragonflies](#) I have no doubts either, for sure. And I am confident that people will backup as needed.

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[Minnesota Dragonflies](#) I am yes.

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[Curt Oien](#) We have to make %100 sure that at least one experienced person is at every event. Someone with the ability to teach about Odonata adults and nymphs, their place in nature, breeding habitats, threats to these habitats, Odonata identification, survey and preservation methods, etc... !

[Crystal](#) does have a lot to do with her job, the grant coordinator position and taking care of the data stuff but she seems like an organized, energetic, smart and motivated person.

If it gets to be too much, I would expect her to ask for help and let us know what we can do. I will be there to help as much as I can.

I think this will work out fine and I vote YES.

We will get it done!

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[Kurt Mead](#) Oh, yeah. We're voting.

Yes.

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[Angela Isackson](#) I also vote yes, willing to help if needed!

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[Mike Sweet](#) I vote yes. I agree with Curt that the Board ask Crystal to inform it of any difficulties as soon as they arise so approaches with assistance/support can be developed in a timely way.

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[Arne Myrabo](#) I vote yes (and if you need it, I second the motion).

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[Ami Thompson](#) Vote yes

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[John Arthur](#) I also vote yes.

John

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[Jenn Gillen Ashling](#) I vote yes.

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[Kiah Brasch](#) I vote yes as well. I'd be happy to help/ subcontract some of the workshops as well. (I just found out I will for sure be doing the teaching program starting this June, so I will help where I can)

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[Ron Lawrenz](#) I vote yes.

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[Angela Isackson](#) Still need a vote from [Jeff Fischer](#), and just a clear yes from [Mitch Haag](#). Thank you everyone!

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[Mitch Haag](#) Yes, I say

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[Jeff Fischer](#) Sorry i have been busy with other projects lately but you had a quorum with out my vote. If you are interested I would have voted yes also.

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[Angela Isackson](#) that concludes the online vote. We reached quorum and the board accepts [Crystal Boyd](#) as the educator instructor for the Ecofootprint grant.

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[Angela Isackson](#) [KiahBrasch](#) can you cut and paste theses as meeting minutes?

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[Kiah Brasch](#) Yes I can! [Angela Isackson](#) any specify verbiage that needs to go with it?

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[Angela Isackson](#) I can send you the one Ami made for the last online vote for an example.

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[Kiah Brasch](#) that would be lovely thanks!

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[Crystal Boyd](#) Great! Thanks, everyone. I look forward to getting started. I'll organize a kickoff meeting for Ecofootprint folks soon. Thank you!

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