



**Homeless Services Consortium Nominating and Governance Committee**  
**Tuesday May 18, 2021, 2:30-4:00PM**  
**Meeting Minutes**

In attendance:

Liz Duffie (Porchlight), Maggie Carden (ICA), Kristin Rucinski (The Road Home), Kim Sutter (Porchlight), Melissa Herriges (Sankofa ELU), Jalateefa Joe-Meyers (Sankofa ELU), Dana Stokes (self/lived experience)

Discussion Topics:

**1. Committee chairs and attendance update**

- Notice has gone out to all HSC committee chairs about the new method of tracking attendance
- This was also mentioned to the membership at the membership meeting
- Google Form will still be used for Membership meetings
- Liz will follow up to check spreadsheet periodically and provide reminders to chairs as needed

**2. Looking ahead to 2021 HSC elections**

- Liz shared a proposal to move HSC elections up from December to October to allow more time for onboarding of board members/membership chair before they begin in January
- To be adopted this would need to be voted on by the Membership (because it is spelled out in the bylaws)
- Items voted on by the Membership must be raised in one meeting and then voted on in the next meeting; proposed timeline would be to bring it up in the June membership meeting and vote in the July membership meeting, but this could be a challenging turnaround
- There was general agreement among N&G committee members that this idea (moving elections to October) had merit
- Even though the Board would not be voting on this, there was agreement that it would be good to provide information/get perspectives from the Board prior to having the membership vote
- Next steps: try to present this in the May Board meeting if possible (Liz would present)
- Revisited idea of sending a poll to HSC members about groups that they would like to see represented in HSC/on Board so that the N&G committee could outreach if needed to solicit nominations
- An idea was shared to potentially create specific seats for key constituents (e.g. County) rather than having them compete for existing seats

- It was noted that if this were adopted perhaps these seats should be appointed and non-voting
- Adding additional appointed/non-voting seats would require a by-laws change; this is something to explore further in the future
- In the short term, input from the membership about any groups they would like to see represented who could run for the usual seats can still be solicited; planned for June/July/August depending on how the election timeline changes or doesn't change
- Important point clarified that nominations will still happen the usual way – the idea of this would be to outreach and provide information to people/orgs that members think should be involved but aren't currently, so that they might choose to run

### **3. Code of Conduct review**

- Reminder that after we complete a draft we feel good about it will go to the board and there is the possibility of pass-back before it is approved
- We were able to confirm a couple of sections that we feel are ready-to-go
- Discussion of difficulty with public statements in tradeoff between being able to respond to things/advocate and making sure there is consensus among the board if the board will take a position; I do not remember that a conclusion on this was reached. One option was to explore the ability to seek consensus virtually between meetings.
- Small group will convene to further discuss the conflict of interest section; info about scheduling this will go out to all committee members, but if I remember correctly the people who expressed interest were:
  - i. Kristin
  - ii. Brad
  - iii. Dana
  - iv. Matt (not present at this meeting but was going to participate after last meeting)

**Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday June 15, 2021 2:30-4:00PM**