

**Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Association**  
**Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**February 21, 2013 6:30pm**

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**Attendance:** P. August, L. Bottaro, H. Drew, A. Desbonnet, W. Galloway, M. Grant, D. Ionata, A. Morrison, H. Ward, C. Fox.

**Not in Attendance:** G. Cunningham, N. Hess, T. Boving, D. Ionata

**1. Call to Order      6:30 PM**

- a) Approval of Minutes: 11/15/12 Meeting . Motion to accept, seconded, passed.
- b) Introductory Comments –M. Grant announces the birth of his 2<sup>nd</sup> granddaughter.

**2. Wild and Scenic Presentation**

- a) D. Poyer presents on the purpose and progress of WPWA's efforts to pass wild and scenic legislation for rivers in the watershed, followed by questions from Board members. The Board thanks her for the informative and thorough presentation. 2013 Congressional bills have been reintroduced in both houses and passage appears optimistic.

**3. Old Business**

- a) 2013 Strategic Planning/INE Update: A. Desbonnet reports that he and others from staff and the Board have attended the RI Foundation's INE meetings and found them useful. He will circulate relevant materials. The Board Retreat has been rescheduled to March 16 at 8:45 – 4:00 p.m. due to the blizzard in February.

**4. New Business**

- a) Annual Meeting Planning Committee appointments: M. Grant reappoints A. Morrison as chair, with H. Drew and G. Cunningham to assist.

**5. Reports**

- a) President's Report – None.
- b) Executive Director's Report - C. Fox reports that NBEP is undergoing restructuring but has been assured that the grants WPWA has partnered on with NBEP will not be affected.
- c) Board Development Committee – H. Drew reports that the Committee is waiting to take further action pending the outcome of the March 16 strategic planning session.
- d) Bylaws Committee: L. Bottaro reports that the Committee intends to review the bylaws and propose revisions that correct inconsistencies or address new issues that may arise at the Board retreat.
- e) Nominating Committee: P. August reports that he is seeking nominations or volunteers for the officer positions to be presented at the April meeting.

**6. 2013 Meeting Dates:** 3/16 (Board retreat), 3/21, 4/18, 5/16, 6/20, 7/18, 8/15, 9/19, 10/17, 11/14, 12/? (appreciation party).

**7. Conclusion:** Motion to adjourn, seconded, passed.      **8:25 PM**

*Minutes submitted electronically by L. Bottaro and C. Fox.*