** NEST Board Meeting**

**February 16, 2023 Minutes**

**Present**: Cris Riedel, Katie Knutson, Barbara Aliprantis, ChaChanna Simpson, Michael Isko, Mike Perry

**Meeting Start:** 6:30pm ET

**Call to Order**

* January Minutes were not in the Google Drive Folder, will be voted on at next board meeting

**Consent Agenda**

**Vice President’s Report**

* ChaChanna presented the Vice President’s Report.

**Executive Director Report**

* Katie presented the Executive Director’s Report
  + Discussion around the size of the NEST board
  + Discussion about board member nominee for Brother Blue Award
    - Cris proposed to table any existing nominations for current NEST board members for the Brother Blue and Ruth Hill award until they are not active board members.
      * Motion to disallow members from accepting NEST awards while active members of the board. Motion by Cris, Seconded by Barbara
      * Board unanimously approved 5-0
      * Motion to amend current policy in the Call for Nominations to exclude active board members from being eligible for consideration to receive any awards presented by NEST until they are no longer an active board member. Motion by Cris, Seconded by Barbara
  + Discussion on how to handle scholarship funds for STF 2023.
    - Motion that scholarship funds given to recipients be used to defer actual cost incurred for the Sharing the Fire 2023 conference. Motion by Mike, Seconded by Cris
    - Board unanimously approved 5-0
  + Discussion about STF 2025 location

**Finances**

* Cris presented the Finance Report

**Old Business**

* None to report

**New Business**

* None to report

Motion to adjourn meeting. Motion by Rona, seconded by ChaChanna (Approved 5-0)

Next Meeting: 3/16/23 at 6:30pm ET

Meeting Adjourned 7:50pm ET