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Executive Committee (EC) Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 8, 2023

Zoom Meeting: November 8, 2023 – 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. (Note: 90 minutes)

Attended: Brian Anderson, Theodore L. Chandler, Jr., Libby Dozier, Wilson Flohr, Moses Foster, Thomas R. Frantz, Nancy Grden, Greg Gilligan, Ross Grogg, Mitch Haddon, Bob Holsworth, Sarah Jane Kirkland, Christopher Lloyd, John W. Martin

Absent: Cliff Fleet, Aubrey L. Layne, Peggy Layne, John F. Reinhart, James Spore, and Bryan Stephens

Agenda Items:

1. Welcome and Minutes Approval: October 11 EC Meeting Minutes
2. Committee Updates
3. Initiatives' Next Steps
4. 2023 Directors/MIC Survey Results
5. RVA757 Connects' EC Composition 2024
6. RVA757 Connects' Staffing
7. Board/MIC Meeting Agenda – November 15
8. Old Business / New Business

Welcome and Minutes Approval:

The EC unanimously approved the minutes from the October 11, 2023 EC meeting.

Committee Updates

- **Development:** Mitch Haddon gave updates on the Committee, including the creation of the Board Bio Book and directory.
- **Governance & Nominations:** Sarah Jane Kirkland and Moses Foster gave an update on the progress being made towards completing the Employee Handbook.
- **Government Relations:** Chris Lloyd and Ross Grogg gave an update on the results of the November 7, 2023, Virginia elections.
- **Convergence Update:** John Martin briefly talked about the success of Convergence 2023. A full report on Convergence 2023 will be given at the December EC meeting.



Initiatives:

- **Global Internet Hub:** John Martin gave an update on the Global Internet Hub initiative; the next GIH Council's Executive Committee will be on November 14, 2023. The GIH Council is following the EC approved strategic plan – 10 strategies.
- **Rail:** John Martin gave an update on the Rail initiative, stating that RVA757 Connects co-sponsored a report written by Danny Plaughter from Virginians for High Speed Rail titled "Virginia's Passenger Rail: Keys to Further Success."
- **Trail:** John Martin gave an update on the Trail initiative. Ground was broken on the Fall Line trail on October 18, 2023, and a white paper on trails is currently being written by RVA757 Connects.
- **I-64 Gap:** John Martin gave an update on the I-64 Gap initiative. The groundbreaking for the start of construction is scheduled for November 13, 2023; RVA757 Connects will be in attendance.

2023 Directors/MIC Survey Results:

John Martin presented a topline report of the 2023 RVA757 Connects' Directors/MIC Members Annual Performance Survey. A more detailed report will be presented at the November 15 Board/MIC meeting. The performance scores were extremely positive.

RVA757 Connects' EC Composition 2024:

Ted Chandler and Tom Frantz spoke about the composition of the EC and the need to diversify membership and increase membership from the Richmond region. The Nominations and Governance Committee will focus on these issues in 2024.

RVA757 Connects' Staffing:

John Martin spoke of the two open staff positions - Development Director and Program Manager. The EC approved the job description for the Program Manager position.

Board/MIC Meeting Agenda – November 15:

The EC reviewed and approved the agenda for the upcoming November 15 Board/MIC meeting.

Old Business / New Business

N/A

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.