



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes: January 24, 2026

Call to Order

Meeting convened at: 8:02 a.m. Pacific/11:02 a.m. Eastern

Attendance

In Attendance	Absent
Chloe Alexander Kati Bell Sharece Bunn Julianne Dunn Myroslava Fisun Sandra Jacobs Madison Jansen Adrienne Johnson Taylor Reynolds Rebecca Wegscheid Natasha Wanchek	Graham Salinger Cassie Brooks Cairns

Teambuilder

After taking attendance, board members shared their thoughts on the question, “what is something wintery that you've been enjoying lately.”

E-Vote Records

[eVote for the Alliance for Ukraine to sign on the NPCA's letter to Congress Supporting House Bill 5521 to honor Peace Corps Volunteers with Congressional Gold Medals](#)

- Motion to approve: Julianne Dunn
- Second: Sharece Bunn
- Yay: 6
- Nay: 0

- Abstain: 0
- Absent: 8

Motion failed. Not enough board members participated in the eVote. The Alliance for Ukraine will not sign on to the NPCA letter to support House Bill 5521. Sharece will attempt to initiate a new eVote after the start of the year.

[Re-vote for the Alliance for Ukraine to sign on to the NPCA's letter to Congress Supporting House Bill 5521 to honor Peace Corps Volunteers with Congressional Gold Medals](#)

- Motion to approve: Sharece Bunn
- Second: Julianne Dunn
- Yay: 7
- Nay: 0
- Abstain: 1
- Absent: 5

Motion passed. Sharece will follow up with the sign-on request.

Approve Prior Minutes

December 2025 Meeting Minutes

As not all board members had read the minutes prior to the meeting, Sharece went through the minutes as a general review. We then documented that individuals in the meeting had reviewed them.

- Motion to approve: Sharece motioned to approve the December 2025 board meeting minutes as written.
- Second: Taylor Reynolds
- Yay: 11
- Nay: 0
- Abstain: 0
- Absent: 2, Graham Salinger, Cassie Brooks Cairns

Announcements

- The [2025 Annual Report](#) is finalized and published on the website, on LinkedIn, and on Connect+.
- [eVote Procedures](#)
 - As we have more board members, learning about the eVoting

procedures is important. All board members should aim to participate. We usually give one week to vote when we initiate an eVote. The turnout for the last two eVotes was not great. Even if you wish to vote no or to abstain, voting is important as a board member.

Kudos

- **Sandy and Julianne:** Great job with the Cooking for a Cause event.
- **Grants Committee, especially John, Denise, Suzi, Natasha, and Raisa:** Great job promoting and holding the Q&A session for the mini-grants.
- **Kati & Chloe:** As always, thanks for staying on top of the finances and tax requirements.
- Julianne gave a special thanks to **everyone who did buddy meetings.**

Committee Business

Pre-Submitted Committee Updates

☰ January 2026 Committee Updates

- **Committee Leads:** Updates are due the Friday before the meeting. This document is for those updates that board members should know but that do not have to be shared aloud in the meeting.

Impact/Grants

- **We're on track with Grant Round 9.** Q&A zoom took place on Jan. 22 with four committee members, Sharece, and two interested RPCVs. Applications close Feb. 6.
- **Upcoming tasks.** Following up with Round 8 grantees about reports, compile acknowledgement letters for completed grants. (NW)
- **Additional tasks for upcoming months** (if there are volunteers). Consider additional sponsors + how to increase outreach to RPCVs to apply.
- **Impact.** A [codebook for analyzing impact of the grants program](#) is available for review. Comments are welcome until the end of this month. After adding Round 9 to the spreadsheet, we'll pull together results for a brief report and graphics.
- Discussion on impact
 - Natasha shared a need to have more sponsored grants moving forward.
 - Kati shared that there is an overlap of fundraising and grants and we're

working on creating a fundraising committee that will centralize all fundraising efforts under one head. Adrienne shared an interest in working on this, specifically a crowdfunding approach for RPCVs.

- The discussion moved on to expanding grants to organizations without a connection to RPCVs. The question of vetting and diligence was raised. Adrienne's partner works with vetting and due diligence for nonprofits and that might be possible.

General Committee Updates

Committee leads who didn't share committee updates formerly were invited to share updates. Kati shared that the most up-to-date financial information is in the [2025 annual report](#). Becky did share that she was interested in supporting the finance committee.

General Discussion Items

Topic #1: Debrief Cooking for a Cause

- Sandy and Julianne gave an overview of the event which was held on Friday, January 23, 2026.
- Highlights
 - Having a Ukrainian involved in the teaching for the varenyky.
 - Three generations involved in the process
- Lessons learned
 - In future collaborations, we may want to have an MOU with the partner organization. RPCV Nexus thought we were going to share the profits. Sharece noted that at a previous meeting, we had discussed not sharing profits, but that is not noted in the meeting minutes.
- Future opportunities
 - Julianne is interested in doing future events like this as there seems to be energy around the event.

Topic #2: Officer Roles

- Sharece pulled up the Miroboard to share which roles people indicated they were interested in fulfilling this year. After discussion, and people sharing their new intents, the following votes took place.
- Vote One:
 - Motion: Julianne motioned to vote the following board members into the respective roles for the year 2026:

- Sharece Bunn - **Director of Strategic Planning**
 - Kati Bell - **Director of Finance**
 - Taylor Reynolds - **Secretary**
 - Adrienne Johnson - **NPCA Liaison**
 - **Equity and Social Justice Officers** (co-leads): Madison Jansen and Myroslava Fisun
 - Second: Kati Bell
 - Yay: 9
 - Nay: 0
 - Abstain: 0
 - Absent: 2 - Graham Salinger, Cassie Brooks Cairns
- Vote Two:
 - Motion: Sharece motioned to vote Julianne Dunne into the role of Director of Operations for the year 2026:
 - Second: Kati Bell
 - Yay: 9
 - Nay: 0
 - Abstain: 1, Julianne Dunn
 - Absent: 2 - Graham Salinger, Cassie Brooks Cairns
- Both Sharece and Julianne talked about succession planning for their roles. There were individuals who have indicated that they may be interested in the Director of Strategic Planning or Director of Operations role after about six months on the board. Those interested in either role should follow up with Sharece or Julianne.

Topic #3: Committee Roles

- Sharece pulled up the Miroboard to share what people indicated they were interested in leading this year. After discussion and people withdrawing from consideration in the chat or verbally, the following committee leads were determined:
 - **Fundraising Committee:** Adrienne Johnson and Kati Bell
 - **Communications Committee:** Becky Wegscheid
 - **Grants Committee:** Natasha Wanchek
 - **Membership Engagement:** Julianne Dunn
 - **Finance Committee:** Kati Bell
 - **Advocacy Committee:** Becky Wegscheid
 - **Equity and Social Justice Committee:** Myroslava Fisun and Madison Jansen
 - **BK Team Liaison:** Sandy Jacobs

Action Items

- **Sharece:** Finish up the meeting notes/minutes and share out with the board with the documents for the February board meeting.
- **Sharece:** Share tools of secretary role with Taylor and be available for any questions in the next few days.
- **Sharece:** Share the communications transition document from Jeremy and additional comms channels, tools, and current committee member information with Becky in the next few days.
- **Natasha:** Follow up with Adrienne, Sandy, and Chloe about interest for being involved with the Grants Committee in some capacity.
- **All:** Contact committee leads for the committee you're interested in becoming involved with this year.
- **Sandy and Becky:** Connect about reporting out about the Cooking for a Cause event.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at: 9:39 a.m. Pacific/12:39 p.m. Eastern

Next Meeting

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on: February 10, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. Pacific/7:00 p.m. Eastern.

Approval of Minutes

Please add your initials and the date when you have read the minutes:

Board Member	Initials	Date Read
Kati Bell	KB	9 Feb 2026
Sharece Bunn	SMB	24 January 2026
Julianne Dunn	N/A	N/A
Graham Salinger	GS	1/26/26
Natasha Wanchek	NW	2/9/2026

Adrienne Johnson	AJ	7/7/26
Becky Wegscheid	RLW	7/2/2026
Taylor Reynolds	TTR	26/01/26
Madison Jansen	MSJ	25/01/26
Cassie Brooks Cairns	CRC	8/2/2026
Sandy Jacobs	SMJ	25 January 2026
Chloe Alexander	CBA	10 February 2026
Myroslava Fisun	MF	01/27/2026

Addendum

- Post-meeting notes/updates from Sharece Bunn:
 - [December's approved board meeting minutes](#) are posted to the website. I also worked to update the board member roles on the website through the personnel page. It is taking a while to update.
 - As both Graham and Cassie missed the meeting today, I'll plan to reach out to both of them to check in. I already have a meeting scheduled with Graham next week and will share some updates from this meeting. I will reach out to Cassie individually.