



## **Executive Board Virtual Meeting**

Monday, March 3, 2025 8:00 – 9:00 pm

### AGENDA

#### **I. Opening Business**

- Welcome and Call meeting to order
- Vote to approve meeting minutes from November 11, 2024 meeting.

#### **II. Board Reports**

##### **1. President's Report:**

- Welcome to Kim Nucifora, our new Recording Secretary and Board Member!
- Annual Sec. of State Report filed / paid.
- Welcome Corps Refugee Resettlement Project Update / IRIS Crisis Corps
- Thanks to all who donated to IRIS Run for/with Refugees – we raised \$860 for IRIS. It was my first time running. Let's have a big CT-RPCV turnout next year!
- CT-RPCV Bylaw Update. Jon is working with Jonathan Rosario to update the Bylaws to complete work started by Jonathan and align bylaws to how we are managing the organization. The goal is to ensure we are operating in accordance with the Bylaws and that the Bylaws reflect how we are managing CT-RPCV, Inc. Jon & Jonathan will work to finalize and present to the BoD for approval in the May 5 BoD meeting.
- Agree on Board Meetings for 2025. Bylaws require at least 2 BoD meetings. We have consistently exceeded that. For 2025, I propose we schedule 6 meetings, including the two summer picnic and holiday party. The remaining Board Meetings will be:
  - ✓ March 3
  - ✓ May 5

- ✓ July (Picnic) date **July 12, 2025 - mark your calendar now!**
  - ✓ September 1
  - ✓ November 3
  - ✓ December date TBD (Holiday Party?)
- **Proposed Bylaw Process changes** - to be reviewed / discussed at May Board of Directors meeting to ensure they reflect how we operate now (simplify / standardize decisions)
  - Update Bylaws to reflect that CT-RPCV is an organization focused on carrying out the third goal of the Peace Corps
  - Remove the language that the principal office of the Corporation is at 11 Birch Boad Woodbridge, CT. [We will change language to reflect *that the office will be where the BoD determines*. This should be where President resides and language will provide flexibility and avoid potential questions with our annual business report. We can also publish address on the Website]
  - Determine if we need the two classes of Members (Active **and Associate**). “Active Members” means any former Peace Corps Volunteer” or PC Staff Member.” “Associate Members” means Any other person elected or appointed by the Board of Directors.” **Do we have any Associate Members now?**
  - Change Bylaws to state that “Board of Directors to consist of ‘not less than three (3) [current #] or more than five (5)’”. Currently we have 4 Officers (Jon, Allegra, Mike, Kim), but for most of 2024 we had 3 officers. This will also provide flexibility if we lose or add BoD members.
  - **BoD to Discuss** – Authority to approve all committee requests for funds (Scholarships, Community Service Fund, Peace Corps Partnerships, Special Projects –i.e. example CT-RPCV -Wesleyan Refugee Project). Committee leads to present. Requests for \$\$ to be submitted to BoD in advance.  
  
Clarify Bylaws that that: **All committee requests for funds require BoD approval no matter what the amount must be approved by the majority of the BoD and documented Board Minutes.**
  - Provide Board Bios, Meeting minutes, Treasurer Reports, Scholarships, Community Service Fund Grants on CT-RPCV webpage.
  - **Discuss**: Current Bylaws: **(checks in excess of \$300.00 must be countersigned by another officer)** Are we doing this now?

2. **Treasurer's Report** (Mike) Pending
3. **Scholarship Committee Report** (Al May). Pending
4. **Community Service Fund: / Peace Corps Partnership Fund** (Maureen)

### III. **IRIS Crisis Volunteer Mobilization**

Through we have lost our opportunity to resettle a refugee family, we all still have an opportunity to **Help IRIS Help Refugees** in this challenging time through the IRIS Crisis Mobilization Program (Kathy Sheppard)

- IV. **From our Facebook Page:** Louise Cox, RPCV, posted that she would like our group to donate to the PCV Park.

[Peace Corps Park](#)

*Jon's view is that it's great and worthy cause but that we should solicit donations on behalf of our membership. Thoughts?*

### V. **Improvements to our website**

Bene has done some great work on our website. **[DRAFT more to come here]**

### VI. **Events**

1. **Our Second Story Slam! Thanks In-Jee!** In-Jee has confirmed that the venue already secured - same place as last year. Date will be in October, likely Oct. 18.
2. **From Maureen:** Roger Ludlowe Middle School (Fairfield) - requesting a CTRPCV to speak about Africa. Contact: Richard Haxhi 475-238-2385 If you know an RPCV in the Fairfield area, please contact Richard
3. Keep your eye on our Facebook page for trivia night Join us for our monthly trivia night - this time at Tap & Vine in Wallingford! <https://www.tapandvine.com/>
4. Peace Corps Connect 2025 - July 18-21, 2025 - "Revisiting National Service" [www.peacecorpsconnect.org](http://www.peacecorpsconnect.org)
5. **Darien Book Aid Feedback! What can be better than this?**



**VII. Other Business?**

**Final Questions, Comments, or Concerns**

**How can we improve these meetings?**

Meeting Adjourned