

Workforce Partnership of Greater Rhode Island

Board Development Committee

Friday October 31, 2011

Present: Paul Ouellette, Marie DeRoche, Joseph DeSantis, Peter Koch, Paul Ouellette, Robin Ann Smith

Absent: Diane Cook, Raymond Pingitore

Staff: Christine Grieco, Diane Vendetti, Kara Aniballi

With a quorum present Chair Paul Ouellette called the meeting to order at 8:07am and welcomed Joseph DeSantis to his first Board Development meeting. Chair Ouellette requested the Committee review the minutes from April 29, 2011 meeting.

VOTE: Peter Koch made a motion to accept the April 29, 2011 minutes. Robin Ann Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Updates

Developing Board Member Survey

Chair Ouellette suggested the Committee develop a Board Member Survey. He requested the committee give suggestions of questions that can be utilized on the survey. The Committee suggested having one or two open-ended questions. The Committee developed the

following questions “What specific talents can you bring to the Board? What can you contribute? How do you think Board Meetings can be more productive?” Chair Ouellette requested the Committee further brain-storm on what questions they think should be sent to the Board.

Holiday Social Event

Chair Ouellette would like to arrange a Holiday Social Event for the Board members. He will look for a venue that would be willing to provide h'orderves and have a cash bar. Chair Ouellette would like to have this event in the beginning of December.

Board Presentations

Chair Ouellette would like to continue with Board Member presentations at the Board of Directors Meetings. He would like to continue this so members have an understanding of each others experiences. Robin Ann Smith volunteered to present at November's Board of Directors Meeting and Joseph DeSantis volunteered to present at January's meeting.

Review Resumes

Chair Ouellette stated there are currently five vacancies on the Board. He presented two resumes of lawyers to the Committee; Thomas Fay and William O'Gara. Thomas Fay previously worked as Legal Counsel for WPGRI from March 2002- August 2011. The Committee felt that with Thomas Fay's past experience with WPGRI he would be the

better fit for the Board.

Chair Ouellette requested the Committee vote to recommend Thomas Fay to the Board of Directors to then be sent to the Governor for approval.

VOTE: Joseph DeSantis made a motion to send Thomas Fay's resume to the Board of Directors for approval and then sent to the Governor for appointment. Robin Ann Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Ouellette presented Michael Black's resume to the Committee. Michael works as President of National Marker Company.

Chair Ouellette requested the Committee vote to recommend Michael Black to the Board of Directors to then be sent to the Governor for approval.

VOTE: Robin Ann Smith made a motion to send Michael Black's resume to the Board of Directors for approval and then sent to the Governor for appointment. Peter seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

New and Old Business

There being no New or Old Business, Chair Ouellette entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:00am.

VOTE: Joseph DeSantis made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:00am. Robin Ann Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted

Kara Aniballi