**Hubbard Brook Research Foundation**

**Nominating Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Friday, May 26, 2017, 11:00 am**

**Hubbard Brook Research Foundation Administrative Office in Woodstock, VT, and via Zoom**

**Trustees Participating in Person: Peter Martin (PM) and Mike Smith (MSm)**

**Trustees Participating by Zoom: Peter Groffman (PG) and Michael Shoob, *Committee Chair* (MSh)**

**Others Participants in Attendance: Anthea Lavallee (AL)**

**Absent: Harriet VanVleck**

Action items are highlighted in blue.

**Michael Shoob called the meeting to order at 11:02.**

**Membership Status of HBRF Board of Trustees**
MSh explained that John Smitka and Nick Rodenhouse are up for re-election at the July meeting. They would both like to serve for additional terms. This leaves one spot available on the board. MSh then described the proposed trustees and led the discussion of their candidacy. MSm described his positive experiences working with Stan Williams’ on other boards in the Upper Valley. Stan would be open to serving as Treasurer. He and his wife Jenny are very active, busy, and engaged in the community. Jenny Williams is an accomplished development professional, and Stan helped to launch EC Fiber. PM and PG also expressed support for Stan.

**At 11:09 MSh made a motion that the Nominating Committee recommend Stan Williams to join the HBRF Board of Trustees. This recommendation will be presented at the upcoming July meeting for the consideration of the full board and an official vote. PG seconded the motion which then passed unanimously at 11:10.**MSh explained that Mike Smith and Jane Sokolow will have completed 12 consecutive years of service in July 2018. PM asked for thoughts related to the composition of the board. PG stated that he appreciates the mix of scientists and non-scientists. Having a critical eye on finances will be important. We need to consider gender in order to achieve a well-balanced board that reflects the wider Hubbard Brook community. Women are no longer underrepresented in the sciences.

The full board will vote on the slate of officers, up for re-election at the meeting in July.

Gary Lovett would be the best person to present a review of the LTER Science Council meeting during the July meeting.

**The meeting adjourned at 11:23.**

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