

Ace Monster Toys
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Ace Monster Toys (dba Ace Makerspace) Board Meeting

Date: Thursday, March 20, 2025

Time: 8pm

Location: Remote (on Zoom)

Board of Directors Present:

Sylvia Gonzalez (she/her), Chair of the Board

David R. Perry (he/him), aka drp

Steven Sheffield (he/him)

Board of Directors Absent:

Katie Harrell (she/her)

Matti Cridland (they/them)

Officers Present:

Steven Sheffield (he/him), Treasurer

Officers Absent:

Katie Harrell (she/her), Secretary

(President role is vacant)

Guests Auditing:

None

Agenda:

- Review of Established Meeting Norms and Expectations for Guests
- Mission Moment
- Scholarship Review
 - 1 scholarship was approved since last board meeting
- Operations Update
- Executive Session

Minutes:

- Meeting called to order at 8:12pm by Sylvia.



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- The Board confirms attendance quorum with 3 directors present for the meeting.
 - The Board skipped the review for guests because there were none.
 - For the mission moment, Sylvia acknowledged ongoing community engagement through maker programs and noted the six-month mark since transition to a member-run model.
 - Sylvia announced the upcoming board elections on June 20, 2025 and emphasized the need to continue developing the leadership pipeline.
 - Regarding Treasurer Role, no responses yet to the VolunteerMatch treasurer posting.
 - The Board discussed the Finance Advisory Committee's recommendation for the Board to reduce the number of strategic goals with a focus on the deficit in meeting volunteer hours without overreliance on key volunteers.
 - Steven reported that the Finance Advisory Committee advises broadening the volunteer base before leaning into a membership drive.
 - The Board briefly reviewed the strategic goals and agreed to review in more depth later on in the month.
 - The Board discussed the goal to define the operational reserve as one month of expenses.
 - The Board discussed Mark Graham's proposal from the previous month's board meeting.
 - The Board had set the agenda for the Quarterly Member Meeting to discuss Mark Graham's workforce proposal with the voting members of Ace Monster Toys, with only select members of the Board and Mark Graham in attendance.
 - The Board revisited the Finance Advisory Committee's recommendation to assess needed volunteer hours before pursuing a membership drive.
 - The Board determined that there's insufficient volunteer capacity to support the workforce development initiative.
 - Sylvia motions that the Board not approve the workforce development program proposed by Mark Graham due to insufficient volunteer capacity.
 - David seconds the motion.
 - All vote in favor of the motion to not approve the workforce development program proposed by Mark Graham.
 - The Board discussed the decentralized communication and agreed to the use of Asana as a project management tool.
 - Sylvia updated the Board on the upcoming volunteer agreement review with East Bay Community Law Clinic.
 - The board did not go into executive session.
 - The meeting adjourned at 8:54pm.