

**VT Early Childhood Advocacy Alliance
Annual Membership Meeting
May 30, 2018 2:15p
Fairlee, VT**

MEETING MINUTES

Attendance: 49, including 38 Alliance individual/organizational members, 3 strategic partners, 5 guests, and 3 staff.

Kelly Ault, Alliance Public Engagement Director, called the meeting to order at 2:20p, welcomed everyone to the meeting, and asked Steering Committee members to briefly introduce themselves.

Matt Levin, Alliance Executive Director, facilitated the administrative items on the Meeting agenda. After Matt noted that copies of the Minutes of the 2017 Annual Meeting had been distributed, Lisa Duncan, individual member, moved to approve the Minutes, seconded by Judy Pransky, for Emerson Falls Playcare, organizational member. The motion passed unanimously.

Matt then conducted elections for seats on the Steering Committee. He asked for nominations, and the following members in good standing were nominated:

- **Business** – Ashley Moore of Main Street Alliance VT nominated *Main Street Alliance VT* as an Organizational Member.
- **Early Care/Early Ed -- home-based** – Stephanie Goodwin of VTAEYC nominated *Ellen Drolette* as an Individual Member
- **Early Care/Early Ed – public K-3** – *Diane Nichols-Fleming* nominated herself as an Individual Member
- **Economic Security** – Amy Brady of Voices for Vermont’s Children nominated *Voices for Vermont’s Children* as an Organizational Member with Michelle Fay as their representative
- **Family Support** – Katie Watts of the VT Head Start Assoc. nominated *Vermont Head Start Association* as an Organizational Member with Katie Watts as their representative
- **Food Security** – Faye Longo nominated *Vermont Food Bank* as an Organizational Member with Jessie Carpenter as their representative
- **Parents** – Jessie Carpenter of the Vermont Food Bank nominated *Faye Longo* as an Individual Member
- **Health** – *Tabitha McGlynn* nominated herself as an Individual Member
- **Safety** – Carol Lang-Godin of the Lamoille Family Center nominated *Steve Ames* as an Individual Member

After brief comments by several of the nominees, Elizabeth Christie moved to elect the nine nominated candidates to the named Steering Committee seats. Seconded by Ann Dillenbeck. All voted in favor, none opposed.

Matt then asked for nomination for the one **At-Large** seat, and the following members in good standing were nominated:

- Margaret Atkinson of the Winston Prouty Center nominated *Winston Prouty Center* as and Organizational Member with Margaret Atkinson as their representative

The nominee was elected unanimously by voice vote.

Matt then moderated a discussion, including both a panel and audience participation, which reflected on the Alliance's work over the last year through the Collective Impact lens.

Steve Ames then described an evaluation and planning session, which sought to gather feedback on prospective work areas the Alliance might focus on in the coming year using eight stations to gather input.

Nancy Bloomfield, of The Family Place in Norwich, then introduced Mack Briglin, an 8th grader from Norwich and former Legislative Page, who offered closing comments. He reflected on his experiences observing advocacy in the Vermont State House.

With thanks for all, the meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 430p.

Respectfully submitted by Matt Levin (Exec. Dir.)