

The Greensboro Association
Annual Meeting
August 1, 2024
Draft Minutes

This meeting convened at 4:00 at Turning Stone Farm, hosted by Jennifer Ranz. All Greensboro Association members were invited, of which an estimated 150 attended.

Cathy Irwin, President, opened the meeting. She noted this was the GA's 90th year. A summary of recent accomplishments included over \$250k in grants provided to area non-profits and emergency relief efforts over the last four years, thanks to generous donations to the Fund for Greensboro during the Covid-19 pandemic and following last year's major flood. Other GA activities include shoreline protection efforts, lake water quality monitoring, our annual support of the "Funky Fourth, the Tour du Greensboro Nordic ski event, the Bend picnic and block party, the community garden, summer sailing races, swimming lessons, and hosting the Caspian Challenge road race (with over 90 participants this year). In these activities and the FFG grants program the GA is an increasingly strong partner for the Town of Greensboro and surrounding communities.

Cathy also mentioned that this year the Board engaged in a strategic planning process that led to a new mission statement that positions the GA as an effective 'connector' between individuals, organizations, and town governance activities.

Mary White, Secretary, then called for a motion to approve the minutes from the 2023 Annual Meeting. The motion was seconded and the minutes approved without discussion.

Mike Metcalf, Nominating Committee Chair, then presented the new slate of officers and new trustees, calling for motions of approval for each. Both slates were seconded and approved without discussion. The approved slates of officers and new trustees are as follows:

Officers

- President - Naomi Ranz-Schleifer
- Vice Presidents - Ken Connolly, Julie Porrazzo, Cathy Irwin
- Secretary - Meaghan Meachem
- Treasurer - Peter Watkinson
- Assistant Treasurer – Mollie Lambert

Class of 2026 - 1 year completion of term (filling a vacancy)

- Vince Cabbage

Class of 2027

- Meaghan Meachem
- Joanne LaCasse
- Mollie Lambert

- Chris Leary
- Julie Porrazzo
- Ken Connolly

Lastly, Mike thanked Trustees going off the Board and other volunteers for their service to the GA: Becky Arnold, Mike Metcalf, Sara Slater, Allison Stegner, John Stone, Linda Ely, and Betsy Hunt.

Cathy concluded the meeting with thanks to departing Board members, our host, Jennifer Ranz, and the many volunteers who made this event possible. With that, the business meeting was adjourned.

Jon Ramsay then gave a brief talk about the Center for an Agricultural Economy, one of many grant beneficiaries from the GA's Fund for Greensboro. His talk was followed by a festive celebration of our 90 years, with delicious tacos, ice cream, games, and hours of conversation on a spectacular summer evening. Thanks to all who made this wonderful event possible!

Respectfully submitted,

Mary White