Governance Committee November 2, 2020

In attendance: Donna Gilles, Colleen Miller, Heidi Campbell, Diana Crosswhite, Angela Thanyachereon, Carrie Knopf

Missing: Jefferson Harding, Lance Elwood

The committee got an update on the current board membership status. Donna noted new members, and that we are still underrepresented in the southeast and with diversity candidates.

The committee discussed the plan for annual Board survey of skills and expertise. Donna will recirculate the survey we used last year, and the results from last year, for discussion and review by the committee at the December meeting. Colleen and Diana will do a map with the geographic distribution of membership of current members for review at the December meeting.

The committee briefly discussed the Board quorum issue. The committee felt that since the Board does not require in-person meetings, we should leave the quorum at "simple majority." Especially when the vote could concern something as significant as buying a building or changing bylaws, the committee felt that a majority was needed. The committee asked Colleen to share this recommendation with the full board and make it clear we need participation from everyone at all meetings.

Next meeting will be by google meets.