

The regular meeting of the Tech Valley Game Space Board of Directors was held on Monday 8/9/2021 at 6:00 pm.

The following members of the board were in attendance via teleconference:

Taro Omiya (Acting Chair of the Board)

Daniel Tanguay (Secretary of the Board)

Jamey Stevenson (Interim Executive Director)

Jarell Pryor

A quorum is not present at the start of the meeting. The Board needs to modify the agenda to account for the lack of quorum.

Approval of last month's meeting notes is postponed.

Taro announces that he intends to step down as Chair in October, as he is moving to Chicago for his new job. Additionally, Joshua announced to Jamey and Taro that he's stepping down from the Board. That means that both the Chair and Vice-Chair roles are open. The Chair is the more important role to fill. Yoshi, Jarell, and Stacy are potential candidates for Chair. Jarell likely doesn't have the bandwidth for it.

Taro follows up with the need for a new Treasurer as well.

Jamey has a potential candidate for the Board who submitted their letter of intent after the deadline passed. Jarell also has a longshot candidate in mind as well. Dan has not performed any outreach yet but will do so. Taro reminded everyone that the Treasurer doesn't need to be a Board member.

There aren't any major updates on the NYS and RPI Center of Excellence grant.

The last Financial Committee meeting focused on approving the budget. The budget was approved by the Committee and forwarded to the Board to approve. Jamey doesn't have full notes/minutes to share yet. Those are pending.

Taro was unable to meet with Joshua to get guidance on drafting a policy for public Board meetings and public monthly financial statements. Given that, Taro wants to start drafting a policy. Given the recent changes with the Board composition, Jamey proposes that we don't overextend ourselves. Jarell and Dan propose that we prioritize our efforts, starting with posting minutes in a more accessible forum on the website. Taro intends to write a policy for this.

Taro reminds the Board member to provide headshots and bios for the website.

Discuss appointing coordinators to vacant roles: Communications, Events, Coworking, Fundraising. There is interest from someone for the Events coordinator, and Jamey feels she's a good fit and some ideas of things to pursue. Taro scans the bylaws to make sure that the

Board can appoint a candidate; while it isn't crystal clear, appointing now is within the spirit of the changes to the bylaws to make them less stringent. Jamey reminds everyone to perform outreach for these roles as well. Communication is the hardest to fill and also the most urgent; it involves social media presence and community building. It is pretty time consuming. There's a volunteer interested in shadowing the Coordinator (once appointed) in order to fill this role in the future.

Jamey explains that 1upstate is a proposed annual regional celebration that showcases Upstate NY game development, with a focus on indie development. In terms of scale (not necessarily format), it is similar to Arcadia. It was put on the backburner with Lift Off and Protostar. It is back in discussion because there are several folks outside of TVGS who are interested in putting on similar; they've all been connected together.

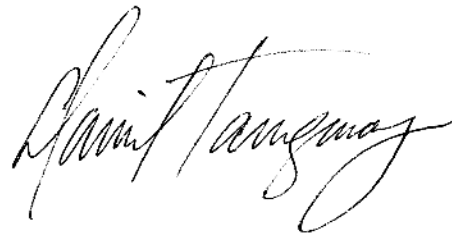
What role does TVGS play with 1upstate? Even though it's our idea, it doesn't fit with our current objectives, and it could be an opportunity cost. We can support it, but to what extent? It's been proposed that we could use TVGS's legal status to help kick start it, but the Board feels that 1upstate is better served as its own legal entity, even if it means adjusting their timeline. This should not prevent any TVGS community members from supporting this effort.

Approval of budget and cash flow projection document is postponed due to a lack of quorum. However, Jamey reviewed the areas that need Board approval to help provide context for future decisions. This includes Board Fundraising targets and finding Point Persons for both Fundraising and Grants. Stacy's interested in taking Point for Fundraising, but we'll need one for Grants still. We'll need these Point Persons by the time the RPI grant comes through (September at the latest).

Jamey reminds us to log Board member time for in kind volunteer hours.

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion approved to adjourn this month's meeting.



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Daniel Tanguay, TVGS Secretary of the Board