

This meeting of the Tech Valley Game Space Board of Directors was held on Monday, 5/8/2023 at 6:17 pm EDT.

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

Taro Omiya (Chair of the Board)

Tom Carmona (Treasurer of the Board)

Zack Hiwiler (Acting Secretary of the Board)

Jamey Stevenson (Executive Director)

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A quorum is present (4 of 7) at the start of this meeting.

Zack Hiwiler is nominated to be the Acting Secretary. Motion is approved.

The board reviewed Board Member Participation Guidelines

The bylaws-mandated discussion of possible conflicts of interests was discussed. Zack Hiwiler as a new member disclosed his employment with Velan Studios and his publishing of a game design-related book from which he receives royalties.

The board reviewed the work-in-progress mission and vision statements.

Tom Carmona briefly dropped out and returned.

Jamey Stevenson briefly dropped out and returned.

Jamey Stevenson presented work on the annual budget and financial items. He presented the TVGS Cost Share letter to apply for matching funds with RPI.

The board reviewed the 2022 projected and revised budgets.

The board discussed the options regarding the 2023 budget, including possible third party funding of Protostar. Option A was for a \$25k level of funding. Options B and C were for a \$50k level. Zack asked about confidence in being able to deliver the items from the \$50k level. Zack asked about relabeling these for flexibility. Tom expressed preference in Option C over B due to flexibility. Jamey noted that we also need to spend the leftover amount from 2022. Taro also favored Option C.

Motion was made by Tom to approve the Statement of Work, Cost Share letter, and budget summary regarding Option C. Zack seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Tom Carmona dropped from the meeting.

Jamey mentioned to follow-up on the MOU conversation with COG over the summer.

Taro Omiya briefly dropped out.

Jamey discussed interest in establishing an advisory board for less available board members.

Taro Omiya returned.

Taro mentioned there may be an element or elements in the bylaws for an advisory board. Taro volunteered to research board advisory policies. Jamey mentioned this would be at most once or twice a year as to not overburden potential advisors. Taro mentioned consulting boardstrong.org after we get general policy off the ground.

Jamey brought up the opportunity to teach summer classes with our curriculum. This would be paid classes versus free classes. Zack, Darryl, and Jamey to discuss experiences.

Jamey received an email from a member of RPI's business school regarding a virtual business incubator out of COG or Troy Innovation Garage. More information is needed. Timeline and details are to be determined.

Taro is working with a contractor on a fundraising training presentation with board members.

Zack motions to adjourn. Jamey seconded. Meeting ended at 7:46pm.



Zachary (Zack) Hiwiler, TVGS Acting Secretary of the Board