



KENAI MOUNTAINS-TURNAGAIN ARM
NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA

KMTA 2023 May Board Meeting

May 5th, 2023 9am-4pm

Seward Community Library- Meeting Room

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AGENDA:

<Coffee and Pastries Will Be Provided at the Start of the Meeting>

9:00 a.m. – Welcome: Jeff Samuels, President

- Call to Order
- Land Acknowledgement
- Approval of Agenda

9:10 a.m. – Financial Updates: Bernadine Atchison, Treasurer and Rachel Blakeslee, ED

- Financial Report- Bernadine
- FY24 Grants Budget- Rachel

9:30 a.m. – Grants Discussion and Selection: Jessa West, Development Manager and Rachel Blakeslee, ED

- Presentation of Process and Supporting Materials- Jessa
- Group Discussion of Applications- KMTA Board, facilitation by Jessa and Rachel
- Selection of FY24 Grantees- Board vote

12:00-1:00 p.m. – Lunch Break

- Lunch provided in Meeting Room of Seward Community Library
- Invitation to explore Seward grant projects (map provided; self-guided)

Land Acknowledgement

Thank you to the Dena'ina, Sugpiaq, and Aluutiq people. We respectfully acknowledge you as the original inhabitants and stewards of the Kenai Peninsula. Chin'an

<Public Participation in KMTA Board Meeting Commences at 1pm>

1:00 p.m. – Welcome of Community Guests: Jeff Samuels, President

- Facilitation of introductions (if any community guests are in attendance)

1:10 p.m. – Community Conversations: Jeff Samuels, President and Rachel Blakeslee, ED

- Open discussion about how KMTA can better serve NHA communities facing similar challenges (development, housing, infrastructure, etc.)
 - What are they key concerns/challenges our communities are facing? How can and should KMTA be involved?
 - Topics of interest could include KMTA programming, role as a connector of communities, what we're doing well, what's missing/how we can improve.
- Updates and news from KMTA community members, board, staff
 - Open the floor for individuals to share updates from their respective communities (upcoming events, questions, requests, etc.)

2:10 p.m. – Program Updates: KMTA Staff and National Park Service

- Education Updates- Sarah Schuh, Education Programs Manager
- Marketing and Events Updates- Karen Lewis, Marketing, Communications, and Events Manager
- Grants Updates- Jessa West, Development Manager
- NPS Updates- Patrick Lewis

<Public Participation in KMTA Board Meeting Concludes Following Community Conversations and Program Updates>

2:40 p.m. – Board Elections: Jeff Samuels, President

- Election of Executive Committee Leadership- Jeff
- Following board vote, new Board President presides over duration of meeting.

2:50 p.m. – Committee Updates: Rachel Blakeslee, ED and Dan Walker, Board Member

- Education Committee Update Report- Dan
- Events Committee Update Report- Rachel
- HR Committee Update Report and Recommendation- Rachel

3:10 p.m. – Executive Director Report: Rachel Blakeslee, ED

- PO Box transfer- Request for Signature
- Presentation of Interactive Map and Digital Grants Database
- Strategic Planning (recommended process)
- Fundraising + Appropriations Updates and Request for Support
- Grants Program Structure- Strengths, Challenges, Potential Paths to Consider

4:00 p.m. – End Meeting

- Motion to Adjourn

Next Meeting: Fall 2023 (Dates TBD; in-person meeting)