



# 2019 National Board Meeting Report

Minnesota National Directors

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Monday,  
April 8

### Consent Agenda was approved

- Action ratified all actions taken by Executive Committee since last NBM

### All Committees reported on 2018 activity

- Committees are active and accomplishing much
- Fundraising: Created Legacy Fund and Friends of the Trail

Treasurer's report was accepted – Balance sheet and budget are available, ask your national directors for the information if you'd like to see it

- We learned about EIN requirements
- We learned about Officer Roster requirements
- All of the presentations, draft 2019 NBM minutes, list of attendees, et cetera, can be found on the members only site at <https://bcha.site-ym.com/page/NBM2019>. If you need help with access, contact us!

Monday  
April 8 (cont.)

2019 Budget was presented and passed – Balance Sheet/P&L are in members only back office – check them out - <https://bcha.site-ym.com/page/NBM2019>

### Received presentations

- Headquarters Report
  - Mainspring can do more for states if they are willing to pay
    - Membership Management
    - Websites
- Governance Policy changes were accepted
  - Clarified EC membership for Past Chair, Nondirector members and Director members
  - Removed the Vision Committee
  - Removed the 1993 policy favoring “Gentle Use” versus “Leave No Trace”
- The Resolution introduced by WA to start a Constitutional change to reduce NBM/State to one was defeated

# Monday Apr 8 (cont.)

Received presentation on Use of  
BCHA.org and the Members Only site –  
we have a tutorial on back office access  
that the Education Committee has created  
– [Architecture Spreadsheet - BCHA  
Education Committee](#)

Received presentation on Logo use

Received presentation from Air Med  
benefit for BCHA members

Bottom Line it is Trademarked and cannot  
be changed

Headquarters can get us files for screen  
printing, embroidery and such for a cost


Local Air Med employees will come to  
your chapter/state meetings to give  
discount code and presentation if you're  
interested

# Tuesday April 9

- Public Lands Day
  - A full day dedicated to Building Partnerships and Growing Opportunities. We heard from Region 8 USFS about the progress and impact of the Forest Stewardship Act and about the criticality of public participation in Forest Planning
  - We witnessed a panel discussion regarding a case study in collaboration involving bikers, foresters, whitewater conservationists, Wilderness Society and BCHNC
  - Heard a dynamic and uplifting presentation regarding BCH support of the Great Smokey Mountains National Park and the Appalachian Trail
  - Capped by Keynote speaker, Executive Director of American Trails – truly inspiring speaker

# Tuesday April 9 (cont.)

- Key Takeaways
  - Forest Stewardship Act is starting to take hold
    - Participation is key
  - Upfront, early and often. WE must participate in forest planning if we expect to be recognized as a player – be proactive, not reactive
  - Coalitions of user groups are key to successful plan creation
    - WE have a lot more in common than not
  - Many public land managers respect what horsemen can bring to the table and trail
    - Many do not know anything about horses
    - Rules and regs must be followed to the T if we want to benefit from partnerships and liability
    - Use National Park Foundation documents to get nose in door
    - Participate with current regional land managers on 2+ year plans; in case of management change, plan can be followed
  - RECREATION is our USER group
  - Collaboration and representation is as important as sawyering
    - Key role for “senior BCH members”



Wednesday  
April 10

- Passed Resolution introduced by WA and OR (with amendments) to communicate to the USFS Chief that BCHA supports mandatory MRA process for trails affected by natural disaster or if they have not been maintained in over two years making them inaccessible to pack and saddle stock.
- Broke into Committees for the day
- BCHMN's national directors sat in on these committees:
  1. Education Committee - Marv
  2. Volunteer Hours - Diane
- Re-formed after lunch to report on 2019 plans
- Accepted BCH Wyoming's proposal to host 2021 NBM in Cheyenne, WY
- Held Elections
  - Darrell Wallace – Chair
  - Sherry Copeland – Vice Chair
  - Mark Himmel - Treasurer
  - Latifa Rodriguez – Director member (2 year)
  - Dennis Serpa – Director Member (1 Year)
  - Brad Pollman – Non-Director Member
- Adjourn until April 2020 in Kansas City, MO