

PISCES Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

19 January 2017

10:30 a.m. Hawaii Standard Time

I. Call to Order/Roll Call:

A quorum being present, convener Mary Alice Evans called the meeting to order and called the roll call for Chair, Henk Rogers, who was attending remotely. Chair Rogers conducted the meeting thereafter.

Other members in attendance included:

Luke Flynn
Galen Ho
Don Straney
Patrick Sullivan

Also in attendance:

Office of Aerospace Development: Jim Crisafulli, Jeff Pang
Deputy Attorney General Gregg Kinkley
PISCES staff: Rodrigo Romo, Polly Roth
Members of the public: Mark Henley, Lindsay Wilbur

II. Approval of Board meeting minutes:

Board Meeting – December 7, 2016: Draft minutes were circulated prior to the meeting. Mr. Rogers made a motion to accept the December 7, 2016 minutes as submitted. Dr. Straney seconded the motion, and the Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes.

III. Update on operations for discussion/action:

Rodrigo Romo, PISCES Program Manager, provided an update on current operations and expenditures to date based on the materials that were emailed to Board members in advance.

IV. Update on Legislative activities for discussion/action:

Mr. Romo, Ms. Evans, and Mr. Crisafulli gave brief updates on bills related to, or which may involve, PISCES and will be introduced to the Hawaii State Legislature in the upcoming session. While the bill numbers were not known at the time of the meeting, they have since been released and they are included here. They are as follows:

- HB574 & SB766: These are corresponding bills in the House and in the Senate. They seek to establish an excise tax on basalt cinder and trap rock sold by wholesalers or dealers, which will be paid into the PISCES special fund to be used to support research and development of basalt-based products and materials.
- SB1246 & HB1598 & HB960: These are corresponding bills in the House and in the Senate. They promote the space industry in Hawaii by creating a Multinational Lunar Architecture Alliance to provide recommendations and guidance for the establishment of an evolvable lunar architecture on the Big Island of Hawaii and to plan a development summit. PISCES is mentioned in the bill as a potential member of a Multinational Lunar Architecture Alliance.

V. Update on Board membership for discussion/action:

Mr. Romo reminded the board that there are two vacant positions on the PISCES Board, the Ex-Officio position for the PISCES Executive Director and a vacant House-nominated position. The deadline for an interim appointment has passed, so the House-nominated seat cannot be filled until a nominee is appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. The Senate confirmation generally occurs near the end of the Legislative term in April. Board members were encouraged to make suggestions for the vacant House-nominated seat.

VI. Schedule next Board meeting and Adjourn:

PISCES staff will circulate a poll to find a time for the next meeting to be held. The meeting was adjourned at 11:34 PM, HST.