

## Meeting Notes

### Advocacy/Sustainability Committees

Advocacy Committee Co-Chairs: Suzana Hernandez (Excused Absence)

Sustainability Committee Co-Chairs: Hector Rivera

Date:09/15/25 • Time: 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm

#### • Welcome

• **Attendance:** Barbara Wiman, Jackie Betance, Treva Smith, Chase Koob, Hector Rivera, Birgit Lemke, Crystal Rodriguez (notes)

#### Discussion Highlights (Hector)

- There was no meeting in August 2025
- An Interest [Survey](#) will be shared out this week with all Coalition members to identify who is interested in continuing to attend this committee or anyone would like to get added as a new participant to the committee email list. Survey deadline October 15, 2025.
- Future meeting times will be determined by the Committee Chairs with their perspective committees once they are established.
- From those responses, Hector will select two individuals to help plan the coalition membership strategy and clarify member benefits.
- Officer is also considering forming an additional group dedicated to sourcing resources that will help sustain the coalition long-term. The group brainstormed on other potential organizations that could partner or sponsor the coalition in future such as: local business, private foundations, Chamber of Commerce, Hospitals, and libraires.
- Based on survey results make time to review potential partners list.
- Once plans are developed, we'll present them to the Coalition Board.

#### Comments:

- **Quick suggestion:** Perhaps consider asking participants whether the current meeting schedule—both timing and frequency—still works for them as well as officers.

#### Next Steps:

- (Hector) Responses and data will be shared in our next meeting.
- (Hector) We'll revise the date and time of the meeting as needed.

• **Next Meeting 1:30 pm October 21, 2025**

Join Zoom Meeting

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