

Higher Ground Agenda October 2023

**Attendance: Jansen Azarias-Suzumoto, Ramon Valadez, Ken Heeter, Alexys Rodgers, Randi Dorman, Lori Malangone, Bill Spurbeck, Michael Guymon, Amber Smith  
Michael DiMaria - Strategic Consultant**

Call to order 6:03 p.m.

September minutes (Alexys)

Committee Updates/Action Items

Internal Committee

- Finance Report
- Waiting for Governor's funds to be deposited
- Finance report approved

External Committee

- Update on communication and external planning retreat (Jansen)
- Working on grants, partnership building, and coalition building

Old Business

1. Information Items (Jansen)
  - a. RTEAZ update on app
  - b. Beta Test ongoing
  - c. Patent Reapplication Update - no further updates
2. Higher Ground Event Follow up (Randi)
  - a. Goal is to hold house parties to increase the awareness of HG
3. Pre-Audit Communications
  - a. Auditing last two fiscal years' books

New Business

1. Information Items /Discussion Items
  - a. Director's Reports
  - b. HG is fully staffed
  - c. Annual Report with Arizona Corporation Commission Report has been filed
  - d. American Institute for Research (AIR) Qualitative initial Report - highlights suggestions and improved mechanisms for internal functioning

Action Items / Discussion

- Doolen Expense
  - Motion to approve \$10,000 for Doolen presented and passed
- Nearshore contract for BeMapt Development
  - Motion to approve Nearshore contract presented and passed
- Tuition Reimbursement Policy **HGRC Policy #300.146**
  - Motion to present Tuition Reimbursement Policy presented and passed

