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NEBSA Board meeting

Present: Ted Myatt, Mary Sabolefski, Jessica Healey, Pari Arokiaraj, Judy LaDuc, Bill Greene, Rhonda O'Keefe

Absent: Andre Lowe, Laura Mark, Kathy Gilbert, Anne Sallee, Julien Farland,

1. Vote on Minutes from Feb 8, 2022
 - a. Approved
2. IRS – Ted and Pari noted no updates – IRS doesn't answer the phone when Ted calls (they hang up after 10 minutes on hold), Pari has checked PO box and found nothing in the mail. Ted will continue to try calling IRS.
3. Plan for another mid-April (April 27 noon) lunch-time Webinar
 - a. Topic: Green initiatives in the laboratory roundtable, 10-15 minutes each speaker
 - b. Speakers:
 - Triumvirate a potential invited speaker – Ted to check with Laura on whether she's spoken to them; Rhonda can be a backup
 - MIT sustainability group Pari checked, they will be able tell us after March 14th
 - Mary – Novartis My Green Lab initiative, colleague could talk about what they've tried
 - c. Rhonda to get a "save the date" on the website
4. Future webinar ideas – Promoting biosafety education
 - a. NBBTS Tracy Brown Ted spoke with (see Feb 22 minutes)
 - b. ABSA recently held a session on this and related topics, with close to 200 attendees
 - c. Judy shared this link, more focused on biosecurity: <https://www.umgc.edu/academic-programs/masters-degrees/biotechnology/biosecurity-and-biodefense.cfm>
5. Fall 1 day NEBSA symposium discussion, virtual vs. in person – most would be in favor of an in person meeting at the moment. Agreed that we would need to be able to pivot to virtual format if needed
 - a. Rhonda to ask Broad if they would allow us to meet in person
 - b. Speaker ideas (more next month)
 - i. Judy - Amanda Woerman from UMass Amherst Prion/tau/alpha synuclein biosafety (collaborates with Eric Minikel/Sonia Vallabh from Broad)
 - ii. We could also solicit speakers
6. Meeting adjourned 2:33pm