

## Sailing Science Center News

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Welcome to the November issue of the Sailing Science Center News. October was another productive month for the project, with milestones being met one-by-one. Here are some of the highlights:

**CAB Meeting** – On October 3 Jim Hancock and JoAnna Wang attended the monthly Treasure Island Citizen Advisory Board meeting. Jim gave a 3-minute prepared talk about the Sailing Science Center during the Public Comment period. This was our first public presentation of the project. We are scheduled to be on the regular agenda at the January meeting and are actively preparing for that.

**New Social Coordinators** – Jennifer Elechko and Sarah Christensen volunteered to help coordinate our volunteer gatherings. These are planned to fall into three categories: Sailing (after all, that's why we're all here), Guest Speakers and Field Trips. More on this below.

**November 11 Volunteer Gathering** – Our second Volunteer Gathering is scheduled for Saturday, November 11. It's a trip to the Exploratorium being hosted by Amy Oates. We'll be looking at the museum from a new perspective, with thoughts on all aspects of museum design, organization and operation.

**ROM Study** – The architects at Perkins+Will have generously agreed to conduct a Rough Order of Magnitude (ROM) Study on the cost of required architectural improvements to Hangar 3 for converting the building to a museum. This will provide us with key information for our business planning going forward. We are in the process of scheduling a viewing at this time and expect to have the study completed this month.

**Executive Staff Meeting Held** – On October 17 we held our second Executive Staff Meeting. Some key decisions were made at the meeting, two of which are described below.

**Business Entity Type Decided** – At our October 17 meeting the Executive Staff voted unanimously to structure the museum as a non-profit. After the vote we still did some research on formation as a B-Corporation or a Benefit Corporation, but those formats were ultimately ruled out. JoAnna Wang and Paul Verveniots are now investigating the best pathway to filing. We expect to file for our 501(c)(3) non-profit status early this month.

**Business Name Decided** – The Executive Staff also voted unanimously to adopt the name SAN FRANCISCO SAILING SCIENCE CENTER for the museum. This name has now been cleared by the Secretary of State and is being held for 60 days while we initiate our filing.

**Outreach** – October also saw continued outreach into the community, with names and meetings too numerous to mention. We consider this to be one of the key focus areas of our work at this time and will continue this effort going forward.

**Expertise Needed** – We are seeking volunteers with expertise in the following areas: IT, Fundraising, Sketch Art, Bookkeeping/Accounting, Taxes, Scheduling. Please reply to this email if you or someone you know is interested in volunteering.

That's it for now. Expect more exciting updates next month.

Cheers!

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## Our Mission

TO INSPIRE A PASSION FOR SAILING AND SCIENCE BY DELIGHTING PEOPLE THROUGH DISCOVERY AND PLAY

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## Our Vision

AN INTERACTIVE HANDS-ON LEARNING CENTER:

DELIGHTING "KIDS" FROM 5 TO 95

PROVIDING STEM\* LEARNING EXPERIENCES

FOCUSING ON THE PHYSICAL SCIENCES AND MATH

KEEPING IT FUN!!!

\*STEM – Science, Technology, Engineering & Math

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## **Executive Team**

James Hancock \* Alexandra Liguori \* Travis Lund \* Paul Verveniots \* JoAnna Wang