



MEMO

To: ACF Board of Trustees
From: Katie Esquibel, Advancement Committee Chair
Date: June 16, 2026
Re: Advancement Committee Update

The Advancement Committee met on June 16, 2026, and welcomed one new committee member, Kelley Tredwin. Kelley began working with the Foundation through the New Mexico Estate Planning Conference, and has an extensive background in nonprofit work, financial advising, and community foundation work.

Key Highlights

Giving Circles & Development Updates

- Future Future Fund postponed its summer gathering due to HVAC issues at the Foundation office.
- PRIDE and Future Fund successfully hosted several joint events, including a social gathering with more than 50 attendees and a micro-grant award to Casa Q.
- The Catalyst Fundraising Collective continues to support nonprofit capacity building, with graduation scheduled for October.
- The Foundation will partner with the New Mexico chapter of AFP for a September 17 luncheon focused on philanthropic advising and donor-advised funds.
- The Foundation received a \$50,000 Native Americans in Philanthropy grant, which will be matched by fundraising efforts by the Foundation. An additional \$25,000 will be raised to establish a permanent endowment supporting Indigenous communities.

Development Dashboard & Performance (Q2)

The Foundation has received two significant estate gifts, with another pending, totaling approximately \$13 million in revenue.

Vice President of Development Search

Marisa announced the successful completion of the Foundation's search for a new Vice President of Development. The new Vice President is expected to begin the week of August 10 and attend the next committee meeting. The search attracted more than 50 applicants, with 15 candidates screened by the Foundation's HR consultant and five advancing through interview rounds.

Advancement Committee Member Engagement Opportunities

Denise reviewed a new committee member opportunity form designed to identify ways members can further support the Foundation as ambassadors.

Opportunities include:

- Writing thank-you notes and making donor stewardship calls.
- Attending Foundation and giving circle events.
- Participating on grant review panels.



- Hosting Wine & Dine gatherings.
- Introducing prospective donors and fundholders to the Foundation.

An additional recommendation from Bob Bowman included extending the member opportunity form concept to Trustees to encourage broader engagement and participation. Members were asked to fill out the form and return it to Denise by the next Committee meeting.

Committee Charter Discussion

Katie led a discussion regarding the committee charter and the redlined draft previously distributed for review. Members provided feedback regarding committee engagement, governance expectations, and distinctions between Trustee and committee member roles.

Denise also noted that, with the arrival of the new Vice President of Development, the Advancement Committee will transition to the name Development Committee to align with organizational structure and terminology.

Committee members will have an opportunity to submit further feedback before the next meeting, when the finalized charter will be considered for approval.

Conclusion

Katie thanked committee members for their engagement and invited final comments. New committee member Kelley expressed appreciation for joining the committee and shared her interest in building a network of financial professionals who can support both philanthropic planning and fundraising efforts. Denise suggested a follow-up conversation with Katie and Kelley.