

TRRG Board Meeting, February 2, 2017

Ruth Beeker called the meeting to order at 5:20 PM

TRRG Board Members in Attendance: Ruth Beeker, Don Ijams, Kristine Yarter, J.D. Garcia, Oscar Gandy, Lisa Jones, Bonnie Poulos and Tina Pacheco. Excused absence: Barbara Lehmann

The minutes of the Board meeting of October 27, 2016 and the minutes of the December 15, 2016 Board meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Barbara Lehmann's report was summarized by the Chair, and delivered to the Secretary. \$1417.82 cash on hand. Members = 108, Friends = 31. The Treasurer's report was accepted.

Call to the Audience: None

Review of Bylaws Revisions

Ruth began the discussion. The proposed Bylaws revision document is due to the membership by March 1st in time for its approval at the Annual Meeting. Board members agreed to go through the entire document, section by section, discussing issues as they arise, and finally, vote on the entire document to be forwarded to the membership.

- Article I, no objections noted.
- Article II, Section 3, suggested modification to read: "after receipt of a completed and accepted membership application" No further objections noted.
- Article III, no objections noted.
- Article IV:
 - Section 2: Terms of office; Questions were raised about the impact of changed terms; It was agreed that the new rules would apply for those elected after acceptance of the revisions to the Bylaws.
 - Sections 1 and 2 were approved without objection.
 - Section 3, 4, 5 and 6 were approved with no objections noted;
- Article V Officers.
 - Section 1, Discussion regarding the terms of office for the Chair and Vice Chair being limited to 3 years; approved with no objection.
 - Section 2
 - Subsection a. The Chair; There was discussion regarding the role of the Chair as spokesperson, and agreement without objection that the reference to the Chair's designee was sufficient to allow others to be assigned that role. The descriptions of the roles and responsibilities of other officers were accepted without objection.
 - Subsection e with description of the duties of the parliamentarian was added without objection.
- Article VI Committees: Typographical error to be changed from 1 to I. Following extensive discussion, Lisa made a motion, duly seconded to accept a proposal for wording from Bonnie. It was agreed to delete "final" from the third line, and to modify the last sentence to read as follows beginning with the final line: "business for all committees shall be to write a mission statement to be submitted to the Board for approval." A majority approved the proposed language revision, but there was extensive discussion about the status of committees, versus the active engagement of Board members and others on COT committees, boards and commissions.
 - Sections 1 and 2 were approved without exception

- Article VII Amendments
 - Section 1: Amendments: it was suggested that we remove reference to “in good standing” of members. Agreed without exception.

It was properly moved and seconded that the Secretary will make the corrections agreed to and will send the corrected document to the membership by March 1st, indicating that comments should be directed to the Board. The motion was approved.

Planning for the Annual Meeting

The Chair distributed plans for the meeting and facilitated discussion of the elements as noted on an outline that she distributed.

- Nominating Committee: Bonnie and Tina volunteered to be on the Nominations committee.
- Temporarily bypassed discussion of Focus Group topics: identification of “focus” topics [had 7 for the past year] where people are interested in working on and are volunteering [send out a form for submission to the board of the things that they think TRRG should explore].
- It was agreed that the incoming PDSO director [Manjeet Ranu] needs to know about TRRG. It was agreed that we invite him be part of the first hour of the Annual Meeting
- It was agreed that lunch [sandwiches] should be acquired from Baggins Gourmet for the meeting.
- It was noted that the Vice Chair will solicit Board members who would want to make a report about their committee activities as part of the annual report to the membership. Members were asked to inform Bonnie about their intention to make brief reports.
- It was noted that the Revision of the Bylaws calls for a special meeting; Call it “Special Meeting.” Given its position in the agenda following lunch, it will be appropriate to call the meeting to order as a special meeting, and return to the regular meeting agenda following the discussion and membership vote. It was recommended and agreed that this special meeting should be limited to 15 minutes [to end at 1:45]. It was recommended and agreed that no mention of special requirements for revisions versus amendments will be made.
- It was recommended and agreed that Board elections should be held following the special meeting.
- The discussion of focus topics should follow the elections.

Open Meetings Law Special Event

Bonnie reported on plans for the special meeting on the Open Meetings Law scheduled for Wednesday March 1st, 4-6PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:52PM

Respectfully submitted
Oscar H. Gandy, Jr.
Secretary