

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting (Brief Version):

February 9, 2014

It was determined that a quorum of board members was present and the meeting was called to order.

Consent Agenda

It was moved, seconded, and carried unanimously to accept it. No committee reports were solicited since the committee structure is being redone.

Annual Meeting in Santa Rosa

Two different budget plans were considered. "Plan B," more expensive than "Plan A" was recommended. It suggests that we choose the more expensive venue for Saturday and the cheaper one for Friday and Sunday. The cheaper one is in poor condition and has limited capacity. The more expensive one for Saturday (The Glaser Center) is needed because that day is open to the public. Also, it has the needed greater capacity.

The cost of the Meeting was discussed and it was agreed that we have sufficient funds to cover it.

A motion was made for a tentative endorsement of Plan B. It was moved, seconded, and carried unanimously to accept the motion.

The dinner on Saturday night was discussed, and it was agreed that a few bids from local restaurants should be considered and compared to using the catered Glaser Center.

Suicide Threat Policy

There is a conference on suicide and substance abuse that is soon to be held in Sacramento. Packets are in preparation dealing with this subject and could be made available for this meeting. It was felt that we should have a policy dealing with this subject in place before the meeting.

Website

There is ongoing work on a website page that would contain contact information to allow people in the same geographical area to get in touch with one another. This would be done locally and with the possibility of forming new meetings. Also, such interactions could be alternatives to the ePal program. There is no date yet for the posting.

2014 Election Supervisor

Since a lead-time of 30 to 60 days is required for elections, a decision needs to be made soon regarding who will provide supervisor duty. It was agreed that we should pursue interests in this matter quickly, with focus on one volunteer who has expressed some interest in this regard.

Dates and Locations for the Annual 2015 and 2016 Meetings

As last month, it was thought that it would be too soon to choose a location for 2016, but the dates for both could be firmed up as well as the location for 2015. Someone is needed to explore location possibilities.

TOU Policy

A draft has been written with the intent of providing an overarching document that covers everything at the “top level.” However, each individual venue may have its own additional rules.

It was moved, seconded, and carried unanimously to adopt the draft as written.

Committee Structure

We do not have a plan to formulate a new structure. The existing committee structure served a need, but the consensus is that it now needs to be replaced since our needs have changed. A draft of a proposed new structure has been written but no action has been taken regarding it. It was agreed to discuss it, along with additional changes to it at the next Board meeting. A target date for completion was set for the 2014 Annual Meeting at which time it could be presented to the new Board.

Election of a New Board Chair

The present Chair has decided to step down. He will continue to do the majority of what he does now and would remain on the Board. The new Board Chair would serve interimly since the Bylaws clearly state that the election of Officers shall take place at the Annual Meeting.

Nominations for the new Board Chair

A new Board Chair was nominated and approved.

Adjournment

There being no other urgent matters, a motion to adjourn was entertained. It was seconded and carried unanimously.

Submitted by the Board Secretary

February 15, 2014