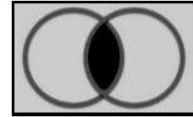




## Polaroid Retirees Association

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Mary McCann, Secretary

### **Minutes of Board of Directors' Meeting, April 23, 2020**

**Attendees:** Larry Chelmow, Nino DiIanni, John Flynn, Elizabeth Foote, Maryann Hall, Erika Kliem, Mary McCann, Jim Micheson, George Murray, Bill Rosen, Robert Ruckstuhl, Eric Thorgerson, and Ed Wade

**Absent:** Arthur Aznavorian, David Bayer, Eva Karger.

**Call to Order: President Elizabeth Foote** – The first Skype meeting of the PRA Board of Directors was called to order at 9:55 AM.

### **New Business:**

In the week prior to the board meeting, Bill Rosen had set up contact on Skype with each of the BOD members, many of us new to Skype. Elizabeth Foote gave special thanks to Bill for his hard work in coordinating the group and facilitating this remote meeting, with thanks to all BOD members for their cooperation.

### **BOD Operating Procedures;**

The COVID-19 pandemic has necessitated a change to the BOD Operating Procedures concerning the May Annual business Meeting. The changes were circulated to the board for a remote vote and passed by the BOD on March 25, 2020. On April 22 Arthur Aznavorian circulated the revised Operating Procedures with the approved changes. The two items are copied below:

*The Board of Directors, by simple majority vote (submitted in person, or electronically) and due to extenuating circumstances, may change the date of the required May annual business meeting to any other month within the same year.*

*That in accordance with our operating procedures, and as a result of extenuating circumstances, the annual business meeting of the PRA, for the year 2020, shall be changed from May to October.*

### **May Meeting and Luncheon Cancellation Review**

Jim Mitcheson reported that at the time the May Meeting and luncheon were cancelled, there were 75 reservations already placed. John Flynn suggested that there should be direct notification of the cancellation. Jim, Elizabeth and Eric contacted 51 members by phone, left messages for 11 more on answering machines, and wrote letters to the seven that did not have phones listed. Many of the members contacted by phone expressed their appreciation for the personal contact.

**Secretary's Report:** The minutes of the December BOD meeting were circulated to the board members by email and were approved.

**Rolling Calendar:**

The Rolling calendar was reviewed by Elizabeth for the winter months, and found to be up to date. Nino reported that while the Deadline for the Tax Return has been extended to July 15, he will be mailing it this week.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Nino Dilanni circulated the March P&L Report by email. It was approved by the Board.

His accompanying comments are included here:

"As a result of the corona virus I am up-dating the forecast to reflect the changes. The major change is the cancellation of our May luncheon. Our concern was if DFCU would sponsor the October luncheon and as you know they are. The result is the elimination of the meal subsidy, planned in October, for \$2,500. The impact to the bottom line is that we will have a \$330 profit vs a \$2,200 loss. In my forecast I am leaving the dues at \$10,500. I will continue to monitor the dues with Bob."

He reports that the Credit Union has reduced the interest rate on the Money Market account from 2.20% to 1.50%. The Credit Union has not yet instituted a DFCU credit card.

**Committee Reports**

**Condolences:**

Maryann Hall circulated by email a list of eighteen names that have been added to the condolences list on the website.

**Speakers 2020:**

Elizabeth reported that she has left a message for Bob Perry's answering machine that we are looking forward to his speaking to us at the October 2020 meeting.

**35th Celebration Team:**

John Flynn has accepted the role of organizing for a PRA 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. Elizabeth had forwarded him the names of BOD members interested in helping with the event. It is not yet clear when we would celebrate the anniversary.

**Nominating Committee (Officers)**

Because of postponement of the Annual Meeting to October, the committee had not yet set a slate of nominees for officers of the board. The incumbent board, elected at the Annual Meeting in October, will then elect Board Officers at the November meeting.

**Newsletter Update Q2**

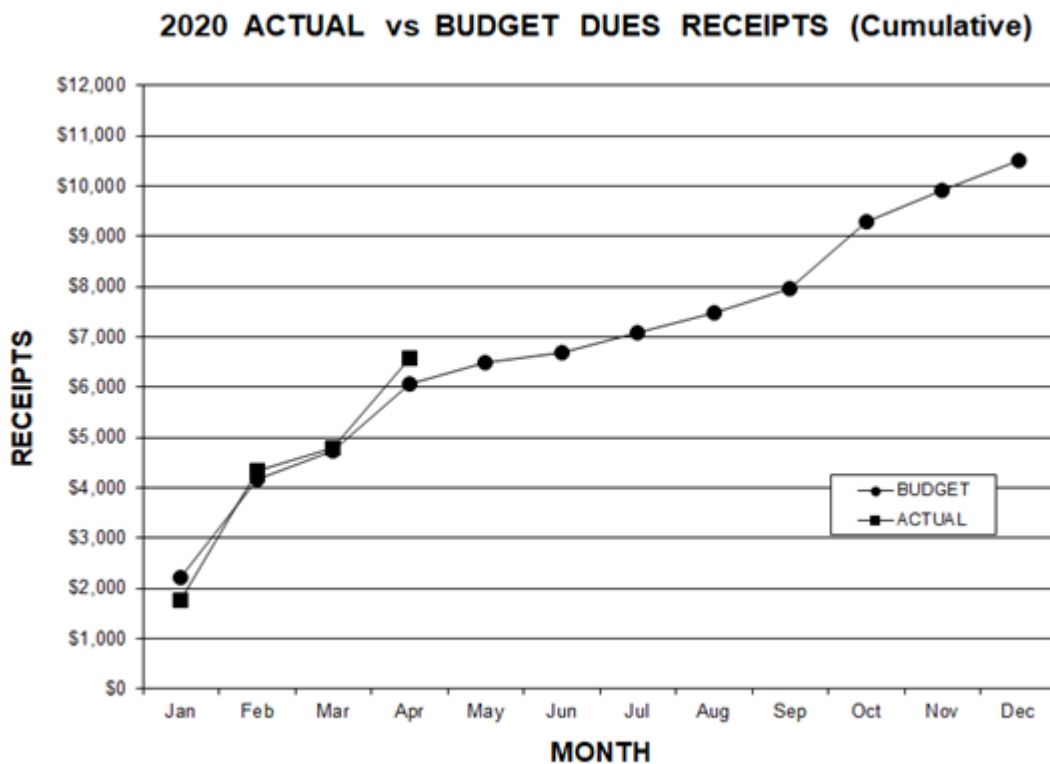
Elizabeth has agreed to resume the role of Newsletter editor to replace Milt Dentch after his resignation from the Board on February 13.

After delivery to the printer on March 8, Elizabeth recalled the Newsletter on March 19 to make changes due to the Board's decision to cancel the May Members' Business Meeting and Luncheon scheduled for May 20. The revised version was returned to the printer on March 23 and mailed "standard" or Third Class on March 26. Bob and Elizabeth decided there was not the usual Q2 urgency in delivery that requires First Class because the May meeting had been cancelled.

A list of possible new members was submitted by PRA member Jim Murphy. Jim sent inquiries to former employees he is in contact with, and 30+ responded yes, they would like to receive a sample Newsletter. An extra 50 copies were ordered and delivered to Bob for distributing to the list and for sending to new members throughout the year. The list mailing has been delayed until venturing to the post office is deemed safe.

The total cost for printing and mailing is \$1544.08 This compares to Q1's cost of \$1535.00.

**Membership** The graph was sent on April 24<sup>th</sup>. Further updates would be in May.



The April dues appear to be tracking well. Nine new people have joined, but because of deaths, membership has diminished. Currently there are 1061 members; 789 are paying

members and approximately 211 are either lifetime members or spouses of deceased members.

## **Old Business**

**Luncheon:** The Holiday luncheon for present and former board members was \$1,192: \$890, food and \$302 liquor. There were 26 people at the luncheon. (Treasurer's year end financial results, January 9<sup>th</sup> email.)

**DVD (Volkart/Rack):** Board members had viewed the movie originally sent on DVD, then made available for board members' viewing on the internet. Discussion has been limited, but currently there is a dilemma as to how PRA can use it. It is long to use at a luncheon, and the creators are not expected to want it modified.

**Charles River Museum of Industry and Innovation:** Larry Chelmow has talked with Bob Perry and two key volunteers, and reports that they want to set up a new exhibit on Polaroid in the future.

**Prospective BOD Candidates:** Not discussed due to adjournment.

There are currently two vacancies on the BOD. Al Clark has resigned and Milt Dentch has resigned to devote full time to a new writing project.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 11:03AM

## **Future Meeting Dates**

**For 2020: 5/12/20? 6/8/20? 9/8/20 10/13/20 11/10/20 12/8/20**

**MEMBERS' LUNCHEON: *October 21, 2020***