





Mary McCann, Secretary

# Minutes of Board of Directors' Skype Meeting August 11, 2020

**Attendees:** Arthur Aznavorian, David Bayer, Nino Diianni, John Flynn, Elizabeth Foote, Mary Ann Hall, Eva Karger, Erika Kliem, Mary McCann, Jim Micheson, George Murray, Bill Rosen, Robert Ruckstuhl, Eric Thorgerson, and Ed Wade **Absent:** Larry Chelmow,

**Call to Order: President Elizabeth Foote** – The meeting was called to order at 10:00AM. After a short welcome to board members, Elizabeth deferred the first items, the **election of Board Members** and the **Election of Officers**, until the arrival of all the nominees, later in the meeting. Later, the nominees, First V.P.: John Flynn, Second V.P.: Arthur Aznavorian, President: Ed Wade were all elected.

### Vice President - Parliamentarian's Proposal for Revised Operation:

With the cancellation of the October 2020 Business Meeting, the Board of Directors (BOD) will utilize the virtual meeting of August 11, 2020 to vote on the list of Directors proposed in the Q1 issue of the Polaroid Newsletter. As no additional candidates were proposed by the general membership since the date of that posting, voting by the BOD will be limited to that list.

Once the election has taken place, the BOD will vote on the slate of officers and the chairs of the Membership and Finance Committees.

Further, the annual reports, which were to have been made by the President, Secretary, Treasurer and Audit Chair at the October Annual Meeting, will instead be posted to the Q4 issue of the PRA Newsletter with a request for comments/corrections by the general membership. These will be addressed at the December meeting of the BOD."\*

\*Please note that the Newsletter published in September is the Q4 Newsletter. Reports of the President, secretary, treasurer and audit committee chair will be needed before the publishing deadline. George Murray asked that they be circulated in advance to the BOD members. The letters will be available for preview when Elizabeth circulated a prepress copy of the Newsletter to the BOD.

**Secretary's Report:** The Secretary's Report had been distributed prior to the meeting: it was moved, seconded and voted that it be accepted.

**Rolling Calendar Review** Prior to the meeting, John Flynn circulated the newly formatted Rolling calendar. Starting with August of 2020, it continues through the remainder of the year 2020, and through July of 2021. Dates for Board meetings and Member Luncheons, target dates for printing of the Newsletter, deadlines for submitting government forms, and renewing accounts or mailboxes have been or will be included.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Nino Dilanni reports that in the month of July, \$2,490 was paid to cover the 2nd and 3rd quarters for printing the newsletter. The income received was \$32 interest from the money market account.

The Full Year Forecast was revised to reflect the cancellation of the October luncheon for \$10,000, and the cancellation of the breakfast board meetings, \$800. (It was suggested that the Summary of financial Activities be labeled as "revised", and if more than one revision is made during the year, then the revisions be numbered.)

The cash balance at the end of July is \$31,601 and the revised year-end forecast is \$30,348 vs. the Budget of \$26,818. The earlier Budget reflected a loss of \$2,200 compared to a revised forecast of a gain of \$3,530.

**Audit:** In conversations about reports from various committees to the membership, David Bayer recounted how the Audit Committee does its annual check on "the books" of the PRA. The committee members usually choose five or six transactions from both the largest income and disbursements to assure proper documentation and recording are present. Since the audit is usually done in person, the annual audit may have to be delayed in the current Covid atmosphere.

## **Committee Reports:**

#### **Newsletter:**

Since the May Luncheon and its Annual Meeting were cancelled. The Newsletter will include brief reports for the PRA year 2019 from the Secretary, Treasurer, Audit Chair, Membership Chair, and President. The issue will also include election results of BOD and officers in today's meeting.

Elizabeth described the Singapore Polavision video project that is seeking information: A researcher would like to make a video describing the technical aspects of Polavision. Information received from Ed Byrnes, Dick Jagolta Mary McCann, Ken McCarthy, will be passed on to the researcher.

The Polaroid Collection show at the MIT Museum was scheduled to remain on display until June, with a change of all the images in March or April. However, the museum will be closed for onsite visits for the foreseeable future. Instead there will be a special 3D interactive gallery "tour" of the second Polaroid show available online. There are even recorded comments with Barbara Hitchcock, so while it won't be the same as the "live" show, many will still enjoy it. This info will be included in the next Newsletter.

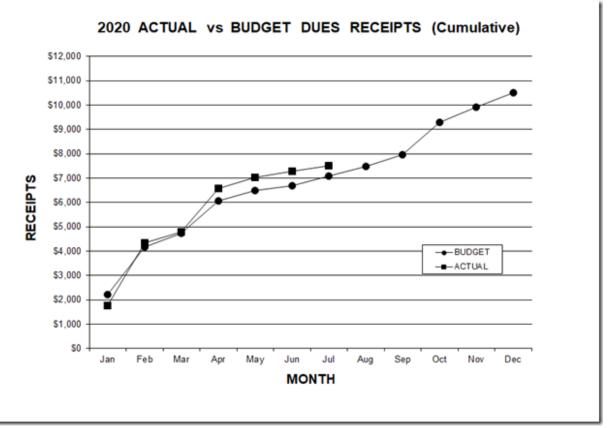
#### 1265 Project no news

#### Charles River Museum of Industry & Innovation no response

**Committee Planning:** It was decided to keep the current committees in place for the present, as we see how our needs in our current environment evolves.

**Condolences:** Maryann Hall reported that four PRA members were lost this month: Cornelius Vink, Mary Roby, Salvatore C. Valente, and Howard Fortner Jr.

**Membership:** Bob Ruckstuhl reported that dues receipts for August are exceeding budget by a significant amount. He mentioned that there is usually a boost in receipts after each edition of the Newsletter, but this increase is larger than usual.



#### Old Business - May Meeting 2021 - no discussion

#### Mailing for Lost Members

Bob reported that the mailing to lost members will be handled through the Fenway Group, our usual printers and mailers, and will cost approximately \$700 for 200 pieces, \$500 for printing and \$200 for postage.

A discussion was had regarding the nature of the information that the survey will solicit and the format of the questions for the survey. Some favor "multiple choice" questions while others favor open-ended questions. Erika Kleim volunteered to take on responsibility of the chair to compose the questions and consult with Jim Micheson and George Murray for final wording. Bob suggested that here is also an opportunity to collect similar information from the members whose dues will expire this year and who will receive a letter accompanying their Q4 Newsletter telling them that they will be dropped from the Association if their dues are not brought up to date.

**35<sup>th</sup> Celebration Update:** There was no opportunity to discuss any further plans. Further discussion of current suggestions is expected.

The following topics were not covered. New Member Committee Prospective BOD Candidates Agenda Planning **Adiournment** A motion was made, seconde

**Adjournment** A motion was made, seconded, and approved unanimously to adjourn at 11:37 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Mary McCann.

**Future Meeting Dates:** 

DIRECTORS: ALL ON SKYPE 10:00AM - 11:30AM 9/8/20, 10/13/20, 11/10/20, 12/8/20 (+Holiday Party?)

MEMBERS LUNCHEONS at Lantana: Cancelled: May 20,2020, October 21,2020

Tentative: May 19,2021