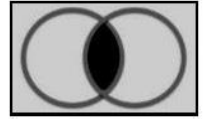




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Minutes of Board of Directors' ZOOM Meeting, June 8, 2021

Attendees: Arthur Aznavorian, David Bayer Dan Dajie, Nino DiIanni, John Flynn, Elizabeth Foote, Mary Ann Hall, Johnnie Hayward, Touie Jackson, Erika Kliem, Paul Lubin, Mary McCann, George Murray, Bill Rosen, Robert Ruckstuhl, Ruth Scanlan, and Eric Thorgerson

Absent: Ed Wade

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:09 by 1st VP /Acting President John Flynn.

President's Comments, John Flynn thanked Arthur Aznavorian for circulating the link to Robert's Rules of Order – Simplified which many board members found informative.

(https://assembly.cornell.edu/sites/default/files/roberts_rules_simplified.pdf)

Secretary's report: the secretary's minutes of the May BOD meeting had been emailed to the board, and the minutes were accepted.

New Business:

Election of officers: Bob Ruckstuhl listed the offices that must be voted on in secret ballot: President, First vice president, Second vice president, Secretary and Treasurer. The positions of Finance Committee Chairman and Membership Chairman were also voted on, although the ballot for those positions does not have to be secret.

Eric Thorgerson announced that the following officers were elected: President, John Flynn, First Vice President, Arthur Aznavorian, Second Vice President, Ruth Scanlan, Secretary, Mary McCann, Treasurer Nino DiIanni, Finance Committee Chairman David Bayer, and Membership Chairman Robert Ruckstuhl.

The president noted that Eric Thorgerson will be leaving the Board, having served for the maximum term of nine years plus two as an appointee. He has served as President of the Board, and as Chair of the Finance Committee. He led the campaign to mount a commemorative plaque on the Main Street wall of the Osborn Street Building. We will miss him!

Condolences: Maryann Hall reported that three PRA members have passed away since her last report: Frederick DiSanzo, Erland A. Lind, and Lee L. Hamilton.

Treasurer's Report: Nino DiIanni reported that he will not issue a formal Financial Report for May. The only activity in May was dues payments of \$225, and interest income for \$8.89. He will issue a Financial Report at the end of June, 2021.

Finance Committee: David Bayer has submitted his report to be included in the Newsletter as part of our annual report to the membership.

Membership Report: Bob Ruckstuhl reported that 46 Members have been dropped from the rolls. However 16 new members have been added. The total membership now numbers 1012. His only membership correspondence this month was a change of address!

Other New Business:

Planning Cycle Update: Elizabeth noted that both the Newsletter and the maintenance of the Condolence notifications are ongoing jobs that have no backup person.

She encouraged George to take up discussion of the planning cycle at our next meeting.

The organization of the Luncheon requires a concerted effort of many people over a short period of time.

Ruth noted that she has been talking with Bill about our current communications options. Ruth suggested a survey in the Newsletter asking people about their current email/internet connections. This will appear in the September Newsletter. The use of QR Code was explained and discussed.

George and Arthur noted that June is the time for the President to start recruiting committee members and chairs.

Mary circulated the "Roles and Duties" memo listing the details associated with each job. This was written quite a while ago and may need updating. But the lists detail many of the tasks that keep the organization going.

October Luncheon: There will be a notice of the October Luncheon in the next Newsletter.

It will include a notice that attendance will be limited, and reservations are on a first come/first served basis. David has given Elizabeth menu choices to be included in the Newsletter announcement.

We are still reserved for the smaller room, which has a capacity of 100 persons. Our guarantee number is 75.

Bill Rosen has visited Jim Micheson and has picked up the printer for name-tags and any other equipment that Jim had.

Bill will send Bob the Excel spreadsheet he has used for registration.

The PO Box Bob uses for Membership will be used for reservations. Checks will be held and not deposited until it is certain that the luncheon can be held.

The Credit Union has agreed to sponsor the event again, and \$25 will be charged for non-PRA members, but members will be free.

At this time, no speaker has been sought. It was thought that people might want the time to reconnect with friends.

November General meeting Discussion-Plans? There was no enthusiasm to begin holding our board meetings in person again. Two reasons mentioned were the poor inter-net connection at the Chateau and the long drive time for many of us. Zoom has allowed the flexibility to attend even if we are travelling, and to have active members at distant locations.

However, in person meetings are missed, and we will keep alert for the opportunity to have one. The holiday party may be the occasion.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:13AM

