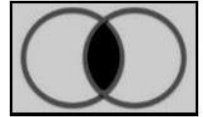




Polaroid Retirees Association

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Minutes of Board of Directors' ZOOM Meeting, July 13, 2021

Attendees: Arthur Aznavorian, David Bayer, Nino DiIanni, John Flynn, Elizabeth Foote, Maryann Hall, Touie Jackson, Erika Kliem, Paul Lubin, Mary McCann, Bill Rosen, Robert Ruckstuhl, and Ruth Scanlan

Absent: Dan Dajie, Johnnie Hayward, George Murray, and Ed Wade

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:05 by President John Flynn.

Resignation: Unfortunately, Johnnie Hayward has had to resign from the board due to health problems. We will miss him and we wish him a swift recovery!

Secretary's report: the secretary's report of the June BOD meeting had been emailed to the board, and the report was accepted.

President's Report:

Notice of Absence, John Flynn asked that members who are unable to attend a board meeting notify John in advance of the meeting by email.

Committee Assignments:

October Luncheon: The luncheon committee has been formalized, with John Flynn as chair, and many experienced volunteers. John has asked that the committee will meet by Zoom every two weeks until the luncheon.

Bob Ruckstuhl reported that 36 reservations have already been received, and many arrived shortly after the Newsletter was delivered. Date of the luncheon is Wednesday October 20.

Nino has asked his credit union contact Nick DiMasi for the names of the Credit Union officers who should also be invited.

We are currently scheduled for the small banquet room with capacity of 100 and our minimum guarantee is 75. We are already 1/3 of the attendees there! David will check to see if the larger banquet room is available should the numbers asking for reservations exceed 100. Final numbers for dinners is due five business days before the event.

John, as President, will give a Statement of Welcome, and John will present a clock to Eric Thorgerson for his years of service on the board. Since the Annual reports from the Board have been presented in the Q2 Newsletter, they will not have to be given again. Our Treasurer, Nino, may still give a short welcome to the Credit Union officers thanking them for subsidizing the event.

Erika Kliem plans to be taking pictures at the event. Ruth suggested that we ask in the next newsletter that people bring "historical" photos of co-workers to the event. Photo boards can be available for posting such photos if the outer lobby is available.

Touie will handle the drawing, and it will be done as at the last luncheon. There will be one drawing for the number of a table, and everyone at the table (either 8 or 10 seats) will receive an envelope with cash. Nino will get the cash (\$250 or \$200) to Touie to be ready to distribute to the group at the table.

Newsletter: Elizabeth reports that she is in conversation with the people that exhibited an interest in working on the Newsletter, and will have more to report in the following months.

Planning Cycle: This is expected to continue at the August meeting – there is much to accomplish.

Condolences: Maryann reported that two PRA members passed away in the last month: Muriel A. Bartlett, who was 99 years old and lived in Cambridge. Loraine Hagan who worked in New Bedford.

There was discussion about whether the locations where members worked could be included in the comments published in the newsletter. However, this information is not listed in the membership roster, and is usually not in an obit. The board members were encouraged to inform Maryann if they recognized a name on the list and can tell her where that person worked.

Prior to our meeting, Maryann Hall distributed a comprehensive description of the job she does in recognizing the passing of Polaroid employees and PRA members. The description included the software she uses, the websites she searches, and the searching and checking of information that she does for each person. The steps to publishing the news on both the PRA website and in the Newsletter are laid out for any successor. The final step in the process is sending a handwritten condolence note. The reports she gives at each board meeting are usually a concise list of names. That report disguises the amount of work that went into it. This PRA Board is fortunate to have a Maryann, a member with such dedication and compassion.

Ruth Scanlan volunteered to shadow Maryann and learn the parts of her job.

1265 Project: The project was initiated by an inquiry to Eric Thorgerson from Kathy McMenimen, long-time city councilor of Waltham and spouse of Gerald Schulze. She wanted to highlight the workers and the innovative work that Polaroid employees accomplished in W-1.

The last meeting of the committee with developers took place in November 2019 at a site on the 1265 Development where a plaque with QR code linking to a website would be displayed. Unfortunately the pandemic has discouraged any further work.

George will report on the project at the August meeting.

EHL Stamp: Paul Lubin requested approval to proceed with a proposal to ask the postal service to publish a stamp honoring Dr. Land. He knows the procedure for making the request. The board was enthusiastic in their approval.

Membership Report: Bob Ruckstuhl reported that four PRA members were lost in the last month, making 16 YTD. The current membership is 1008 members. In the 4Q newsletter mailing, 46 members will be notified that their due are about to run out. In the 1Q mailing the non-paying members (spouses of deceased members) will be asked if they want to continue receiving the newsletter. It is expected that after these updates the membership will number in the high 800's by the end of next year.

Treasurer's Report: Nino reported that interest of \$8.60 was received. He expects to transfer money from deposit accounts to cover the ~\$1800 necessary for publishing the Q4 Newsletter.

New Member Suggestion: With the resignation of Johnnie Hayward, we have a new vacancy on the board. Paul Lubin reported that Don Foster has expressed interest in becoming a PRA Board Member. He is currently on the faculty at UMASS Dartmouth, in the Mechanical Engineering department. Paul was authorized to invite Don to the next board meeting and to ask him to provide a short Polaroid bio to help the board become acquainted with his Polaroid history.

Other new Business: Ruth reported that she is planning to survey the membership to sign up to receive a PDF version of the Newsletter by email. She would also like to demonstrate the electronic version and sign-up at the October luncheon. A short discussion followed about what time/ place at Lantana/equipment would work best for a demo at the luncheon. More discussion will follow.

In-Person Board Meeting: The Board will meet live on October 19! Elizabeth will explore a lunch or brunch venue. Please let her know if you have a preference.

Next Meeting: Zoom Board Meetings August 9, September 14, October 12

Luncheon Committee: Zoom every 2 weeks until Luncheon, time/day TBD

In Person BOD Meeting, prior to Luncheon, Tuesday Oct 19 time/day TBD

PRA Reunion Luncheon at Lantana, Wednesday October 20