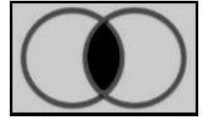


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Minutes of Board of Directors' ZOOM Meeting, September 14, 2021

Attendees: Arthur Aznavorian, Nino DiIanni, John Flynn, Elizabeth Foote, Don Foster Maryann Hall, Erika Kliem, Paul Lubin, Mary McCann, George Murray, Bill Rosen, Robert Ruckstuhl,

Absent: David Bayer, Touie Jackson, Ruth Scanlan and Ed Wade

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:00 by President John Flynn.

Old Business:

Secretary's report: the secretary's report of the August BOD meeting had been emailed to the board; the report was accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Nino did not issue a report for August, as there was very little activity. There is approximately \$27,000 in the accounts. He will issue a report on the September activities as he anticipates more expenditures this month.

1265 Project: George originally spoke about the project in July, but his hardcopy summary of the 1265 project had not been circulated prior to that meeting. At the September meeting he noted his concerns about how and whether to proceed with further work, and made the point that he felt the emphasis should be on Polaroid's manufacturing activities in Waltham. Both he and Elizabeth Foote would be leaving the board next June, and would not continue to be involved, so new leadership will be needed.

Don Foster volunteered to be a Co-leader of the committee, John Flynn will participate. Paul Lubin volunteered to join, and Mary McCann volunteered to continue. Erica Kliem has researched the Building permits issued to Polaroid by the city of Waltham and will forward the list to Don, and work on the committee when she can, and Elizabeth has volunteered to be an ad hoc member.

New Business:

Membership Report: John Flynn relayed Bob Ruckstul's report that there had been no change in the Membership since our last meeting.

Condolences: Maryann listed the PRA members who have passed away in the last month: Nic Van Dongen, Charles "Charlie" Whalen, Robert "Bob" Graf, and Esco Richte. They were members of the PRA.

In addition, Maryann will send a condolence card to Jim Micheson whose wife recently passed away. Jim was a member of the BOD, but resigned early in the Covid "lockdown" when his wife came home from a nursing home.

October Luncheon: News of the cancellation has been posted on the Website – in at least two places. There was discussion of an Email blast to the membership, but it may not reach everybody. Only ~ 75% of the members have listed emails, and many emails sent to those addresses are ignored.

The cancellation will be noted in the Newsletter in more than one location: John Flynn will mention it in his President's Letter. There will also be a separate notice of elsewhere in the Newsletter. In addition, Bob will inquire about a notice on the address page of the Newsletter.

The consensus was that notification in the Newsletter was sufficient and no email blast was necessary.

There was a short discussion about identifying a new venue when it is safe to meet again. Paul Lubin did some real-time website checking while we talked. Wellesley College was mentioned, but its minimum size group was 175 people, larger than the PRA might have. Moseley's on the Charles in Dedham was also mentioned as a possibility. Paul checked the Moseley's website and found they are still in operation.

Holiday Luncheon: By December the board will have met for two years without in person meeting. Those members who have joined in 2020 and 2021 have not met their fellow members. We started a discussion about the possibility of a Holiday luncheon but postponed any action. This would also be an opportunity to award Eric Thorgerson a clock for his years of service and leadership for the PRA.

Newsletter: The Newsletter will be ready to go to the printer by the end of the week.

EH Land Stamp: Paul Lubin reported that he has received notice that his letter was accepted and will be presented to the board of the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee.

The Impossible Project: Elizabeth reported that she had posted on the PRA website under News and Announcements the following information about the documentary on the Impossible Project. It will be shown this Saturday, September 18 at the *Newburyport Documentary Film Festival* at the Firehouse Center for the Arts, or you can see it virtually over several days for \$10.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40.

**Next Meeting: Zoom Board Meetings: October 12, November 9,
December 14?**

