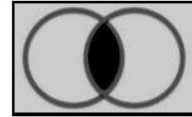




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Mary McCann, Secretary

Minutes of Board of Directors' Meeting October 9, 2018

Attendees: Arthur Aznavorian, David Bayer, Larry Chelmow, Milt Detnch, Nino Dilanni, Elizabeth Foote, Mary Ann Hall, Eva Karger, Mary McCann, Jim Micheson, George Murray, Bill Rosen, Richard Rosenblatt, Robert Ruckstuhl and Eric Thorgerson,

Absent:, Al Clark, Erika Kliem, and Robert Ruckstuhl

Call to Order: President George Murray

The President called the meeting to order at 9:15AM

He welcomed Milt Dentch and Jim Mitcheson to the board and noted that the short bios written by most of the board members will soon be collated – a reminder to those who have not yet sent George their bios.

New Business –

The Board unanimously ratified the choice of John Flynn to replace Bob Ganapathy on the BOD. Bob's term lasts until 2020. John Flynn can then stand for his first of three terms.

Secretary's Report

The secretary's report was distributed by email before the meeting and the minutes were accepted by the board. The secretary will make an effort to distribute a draft of the minutes within a week of the meeting, expecting to distribute the final report, with any corrections, within the next week.

Treasurer's Report

Nino Dilanni reports that he now has proper recognition as Treasurer from the Credit Union. A death certificate was necessary for the Credit Union to transfer the signature recognition to Nino. If a living treasurer wants to resign the position, he must go to the Credit Union and resign in person.

The information on Doug Mitchell's computer has been transferred to Nino.

A copy of the current financial statement was distributed and was accepted by the BOD.

Nino requested that the maximum amount of a check issued without BOD approval be raised to \$200. This new amount was approved by the board.

Later in the meeting Bill Rosen raised the question of obtaining a credit card for use of the BOD. The Direct Federal Credit Union holds the PRA accounts. It issues credit cards, perhaps it can issue one that can be used for such recurring expenses as the website maintenance and Newsletter printing, simplifying the payment procedure and giving the treasurer a direct listing of expenditures. Many cards would not be necessary, as the account number and the privacy code would be all that is necessary to make a payment. Nino was requested to look into that.

Committee Reports

Audit: The audit committee will meet immediately after today's meeting.

Membership: Bob Ruckstuhl was unable to attend the meeting but had distributed a graph of membership by email prior to the meeting. He reported that the current membership is 1190 paying members, and 35 members are about to receive a "pay or drop" request.

Condolences; Maryann Hall Three names were added to the condolences list this month: Robert Furtado, Theodor Bushway and Richard LaRocque. Maryann reported that she is currently unable to add photographs of the deceased to the PRA website.

Website: Bill Rosen reported that the website bulletin board was not responding as expected recently. He has been in contact with the website managers and has determined that the problem is back at the source. He is planning an update of the PRA site.

October Speaker: Eva Karger has reported that she has passed on Ed Gaffey's electronic connection needs to David Bayer, and that Mary McCann will introduce Ed.

Future Speaker: Eva reported that Elizabeth Collins' affiliation is Lahey Hospital.

Old Business

Clock:George reported that a Service Recognition Clock had been shipped to Bob Ganapathy, who was currently in Iceland.

Luncheon: Eva Karger will be the overall chair for the Luncheon Committee.

Attendance Update: Bill Rosen reported that as of the 9th, there are 105 reservations, with more expected. Bill is printing out nametags as the reservations come in.

Last year there were 125 attendees for the Fall meeting which usually has fewer people than the Spring meeting. George mentioned that the minimum payment for the room is 175 people. So we may have to pay an additional fee. – The smaller room which PRA requested was booked. We will be in the large room but will be held to the smaller room minimum.

The question of prizes was brought up – Cash prizes of \$25.00 for up to ten people at a table. Touie will be contacted to see if he will award the prizes, and Nino(?) will have up to \$250 available for distribution.

A fishbowl for the drawing is part of the luncheon "kit" that (Bill Rosen or David Bayer?) now has.

Elizabeth will provide numbers for the tables.

PhotoBoards:

Mary McCann reported that the display she envisions is "tent" of foamcore angled slightly so as to catch the overhead light. The tent is 5 ft long, and would fit on a 3' by 6' table. She has not had as much response as she had hoped, and will update Dave Bayer by Friday as to how many tables are necessary. (Lantana charges hotel rates.) As of the BOD meeting, only one tent is necessary. There is a significant contribution from Nick Hadzekariakedes, six groups of 4 SX-70's from Land's back lab. She has four pix from herself four from John McCann, and four from Paul Lubin. Erika Kleim arrived in time to add two groups of four pix of W-4 employees at play.

Newsletter:

Elizabeth Foote will coordinate the 2019 Newsletter Budget with Nino.

Elizabeth reported that there were no problems with the printing company AmBit and that most of the 1200 newsletters were delivered within one to two days. Envelopes with letters about unpaid dues were included in 117 mailings. The cost is about \$150 over the Q4 2017 (which also included letters) reflecting the first class postage and the slightly higher printing cost.

Elizabeth contacted John Sinclair and David Kennedy about forming a relationship between their group and ours. They talked with each other and responded with instructions on how to join their Facebook page to share with our membership. The site has memories and photos that may be good stories for our *Newsletter*.

Elizabeth has not heard back from Dick or Dave of the Cement Heads about contacting their membership, so she will call, and will also contact former Polaroid employees currently working in Enschede.

Rolling Calendar Review

The months' entries on the Rolling Calendar were read, and Mary McCann asked to be alerted for any changes to the calendar that become necessary.

<u>Oct 9 (Tuesday) BOD meeting</u>	Members luncheon October 17 Wednesday Annual registration with MA Secretary
<u>Nov 13 (Tuesday) BOD meeting</u>	Poll former BOD for attendance at December luncheon Confirm Dec lunch with Chateau Confirm name of luncheon coordinator for spring luncheon Review preliminary budget for next year BOD meeting Publish dates of next year's board members and luncheons BOD meeting and holiday lunch

1265 Main St Polaroid Commemorative

Eric Thorgerson reported that he, Elizabeth and George had met with City Councilor McMenimen and learned that, while there is not yet any financial support offered by the city council, the site developer is interested in supporting the project. Eric showed a schematic from George Murray showing the web of interactions between Polaroid at the 1265Main St site and the world-wide Polaroid installations.

Adjournment A motion was made, seconded, and approved unanimously to adjourn at 10:35 AM. Respectfully submitted by Mary McCann October 10, 2018

Future Meeting Dates

DIRECTORS: All at the Chateau (Doors open 9:00AM; Meeting at 9:15)

For 2018: Nov 13, and Dec 11

For 2019: Mar 12, Apr 9, May 7

MEMBERS LUNCHEONS: October 17, 2018 May 15 2019