

Polaroid Retirees Association, Annual Meeting, June 14, 2022

Members present: Bill Rosen, Erika Kliem, Nino Dilanni, Mary McCann, Ruth Scanlan, Arthur Aznavorian, Paul Lubin, Elizabeth Foote, Bob Ruckstuhl, David Bayer, Dan Cence, Touie Jackson, and Don Foster

Absent: John Flynn, Maryann Hall

Arthur opened the meeting at 10:00.

- Before addressing the agenda items, Don asked about his responsibility as the new secretary filing the yearly report and Annual Meeting minutes with the Massachusetts Attorney General's office. It was clarified that Nino handled that task and that Mal Trajano continued to be a legal resource.
- **Minutes:** Arthur asked for approval of our last meeting's minutes. Ruth made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Erika with no further discussion. All voted in favor.
- **Election:** Elizabeth presented the election results, as follows:

"The election of the Board of Director Officers is complete. All 14 Board members voted either by email, voice or USPS. As former members of the Board, Elizabeth Foote counted the votes and Eric Thorgerson certified the results.

"As of the beginning of this June 14, 2022, meeting, the following Officers have been elected unanimously:

Please hold applause until the slate announcement is complete.

John Flynn, President

Arthur Aznavorian, 1st Vice President

Ruth Scanlan, 2nd Vice President

Nino Dilanni, Treasurer

Don Foster, Secretary

Two Committee Chairs have been elected:

Robert Ruckstuhl, Membership Committee

David Bayer, Finance Committee

Congratulations to all and thank you for your service."

Mary confirmed that details and results of our election would be in the next newsletter.

- **Governance Subcommittee:** Ruthie presented a brief overview of the first meeting of the subcommittee. In short, the subcommittee will: meet on the first and third Tuesdays of the month; continue to recruit additional members from the PRA (outside the BoD); and focus on important topics in a focused and sequential manner.

So far, several former PRA Board members have volunteered to help. Bob spoke highly of Lucille Maregni as a potential member. It was suggested that we might solicit members using the newsletter. Ruth suggested that we may now have enough members to move forward; Arthur opined that we

should continue asking for volunteers. Bob asked if the subcommittee will work through the next few months, given that the PRA Board meetings are “on vacation” for the summer; Ruth said she’d like to make progress during the summer.

We also discussed alternate hosting of Zoom meetings to provide backup for Bill.

- **October Luncheon:** Bob discussed the October luncheon – he pointed out that it will be four months away and that we have NO Board meeting for the next two months... and that we have much planning to do. Moreover, we need to announce the luncheon to PRA members via the newsletter, and we have only a few months to prepare that.

Bob recommends a subcommittee to undertake these tasks. We discussed the COVID issue. Ruth noted that we’ve planned and then cancelled several times – and that we should perhaps simply wait until next May. Nino asked how people responded when we called to cancel the last event... others responded “disappointed,” “understanding,” “agree.” We discussed alternatives, such as different date, outdoor tents, indoor venue with open windows, etc. Dave pointed out that historically, October meetings are less attended than the May meetings.

Ruth made a motion that we again cancel the upcoming October luncheon and explain why in the newsletter, seconded by David. Nino pointed out that a “freebie” luncheon might be attractive to members who are becoming discouraged by the string of cancellations. Ruth and Arthur suggested that we might look for “covid-safer” venues.

Arthur asked for a vote on Ruth’s motion: 11 in favor, 2 opposed. The motion to cancel the October luncheon carries.

- **Newsletter:** Mary discussed the next newsletter... she and Elizabeth have started the transition. They expect the next issue in early July. Elizabeth thanks the Board for her gift. (Elizabeth left the meeting.)
- **Condolences:** In Maryann’s absence, Arthur read aloud the list of recent obituaries. Arthur asked what we should do to acknowledge Jackie Flynn’s passing. Bob suggested a donation to a charity based on John’s preference and recommended the St. Francis House in Boston.

Dave made a motion to contribute \$150 to the St. Francis House in Jacqueline Flynn’s name; seconded by Erika. All voted in favor.

- **Finances:** Nino addressed the current state of our finances: “All good, plenty in the bank. \$28,462 is available.”

Dave confirmed that our \$750 deposit to the Warren Center stayed with them, as we requested.

Erika made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Dave. All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 10:50.

Minutes submitted by Don Foster, Secretary.