

Minutes for the special meeting of the PNB Governance Committee April 14, 2005

Meeting convened at 8:25 PM (ET) the Chair *pro tem* and Secretary being present.

Attending:

Jane Gatewood
Bob Lederer
Marty Durlin
R. Paul Martin
Sandra Rawline
Rob Robinson
David Adelson
Cerene Roberts
Grace Aaron
Deb Shafto
Lydia Brazon

Elections

The Secretary announced the results of the elections for Chair and Secretary of the committee.

Chair:

David Adelson 6 votes

David Adelson is elected Chair of the PNB Governance Committee.

Secretary:

R. Paul Martin 6 votes.

R. Paul Martin is elected Secretary of the PNB Governance Committee.

Motion: (Sandra Rawline) “approve agenda” (approved without objection)

agenda:

1) Call to order, roll call, approval of agenda (10 min)

2) Approval of 3/17/05 and 3/24/05 minutes (note: R. Paul has posted these in the files section of the Yahoo Group, in the "draft minutes" folder...i have attached them to this email for your convenience). (10 min)

3) Committee process for addressing issues before the committee, e.g. minority reports, informal consideration (note: informal consideration and aids to crystallization of opinion are described in pgs. 523-525 of Robert's Rules...it would be helpful if people could look at these provisions,

as i think they will help our work. specifically, i would like to recommend that we consider these procedures to be able to discuss the various interests at stake in the suspension and code of conduct items of the agenda, so that we can attempt to craft the most acceptable language in this way, prior to consideration of these motions through formal parliamentary process.) (10 min)

3) Motions relating to suspensions

4) Motions relating to code of conduct

5) Adjournment (7:30 PM PDT)

Minutes

Motion: (Jane Gatewood) “accept March 17, 2005, minutes.” (passed without objection)

Motion: (Deb Shafto) “accept March 24, 2005, minutes.” (passed without objection)

Motion: (Bob Lederer) “Reconsider March 17, minutes approval.” (passed without objection)

Motion: (Lydia Brazon) “Insert Bob Lederer’s motion in the record as a motion that was presented and distributed but not moved during the meeting. Other proposals that were presented at the meeting may be inserted today or subsequently.” (passed without objection)

Committee Process for Addressing Issues Before the Committee

The Chair proposed that the committee consider some agenda items in an informal manner before bringing up motions.

Motion: (Jane Gatewood) “We go to informal consideration of items 3 & 4 of the agenda for 45 minutes.” (passed as amended without objection)

Amendment: (Sandra Rawline) “make it 30 minutes.” (passed 9 for, 1 against)

Motion as amended: “We go to informal consideration of items 3 & 4 of the agenda for 30 minutes.” (passed as amended without objection)

The committee goes to informal consideration.

We agree that each member shall have three minutes to speak on these agenda items.

Discussion.

9:51 PM (ET) time is up for informal consideration.

Motion: (David Adelson) “extend by 15 minutes.” (passed without objection) 9:52 PM (ET)

The Chair announces a time limit of 2 minutes each during the extension.
10:23 PM (ET) Informal consideration period ends.

Motion: (Grace Aaron) “extend by 20 minutes.” (passed without objection)

David Adelson leaves and Jane Gatewood takes the chair 10:25 PM (ET)

Unfinished Business

Motion: (R. Paul Martin) “The governance committee recommends to the PNB that it rescind the suspension passed on March 9th, of an LSB member in New York.” (fails 3 for, 5 against)

Amendment: (Bob Lederer) “Before any recommendation be made by this committee that there be a process to investigate what happened.” (fails)

Amendment: (Lydia Brazon) “that the Governance Committee have an executive session before next week’s PNB meeting for the investigation.” (ruled moot)

Amendment: (Jane Gatewood) “add ‘and rescind the posting and publishing provision of the motion.’” (fails 5 for, 6 against)

10:37 PM (ET) David Adelson returns and takes the chair.

Chair rules that the amendment regarding an executive session is moot as the PNB meeting has already occurred.

Amendment: (Marty Durlin) “Add ‘Whereas progressive discipline was not employed.’” (fails 0 for, 10 against)

Amendment: (Deb Shafto) “add ‘Whereas the authority cited by the WBAI LSB is Robert’s Rules of Order and whereas Robert’s Rules of Order prohibits committees from discussing their member and whereas our bylaws which supercede Robert’s Rules of Order has no provisions for LSBs to suspend their members.’”

Motion: (R. Paul Martin) “Extend for 5 min.” (passed without objection) 11:12 PM (ET)

Amendment: (Bob Lederer) “to divide last ‘whereas’ from the rest of the motion.” (passed 5 for, 2 against)

Amendment as divided: (Deb Shafto) “add ‘Whereas the authority cited by the WBAI LSB is Robert’s Rules of Order and whereas Robert’s Rules of Order prohibits committees from discussing their member and (fails 4 for, 5 against)

whereas our bylaws which supercede Robert’s Rules of Order has no provisions for LSBs to suspend their members.’” (fails 3 for, 5 against)

The Chair asks for someone to do a minority report. Deb Shafto agrees.
Bob Lederer agrees to do the majority report.

Motion: (David Adelson) “Adjourn to April 21, at 5:00 PM (PT).” (passed without objection.)

Meeting adjourns at 11:33 PM (ET)

Submitted by R. Paul Martin, Secretary.