

Pacifica Governance Committee Minutes
June 18, 2012

The meeting took place was scheduled from 7:30 to 10:30

The chair called the role and a quorum was reached.

Attendees: Ken Aaron, Shahram Aghamir, Carolyn Birden, Lydia Brazon, Bill Crosier, Sasha Futran, Joseph Kaye, Bob Lederer, R. Paul Martin, Brenda Medina, Marcel Reid, George Reiter, John Wenger

The meeting was called to order. The agenda was approved without objection, included for convenience below.

Agenda-Governance Committee-June 18, 2012

Calling of role and establishing a quorum-Colleen

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes

Who Can call an LSB meeting?-R Paul

Process for meeting cancellations-Lydia

What list shall we use?-Lydia

Proposed Amendment 1: Reduce the size of our LSBs and delegate assemblies to 16 (a reduction of 1/3)-Bill

Proposed Amendment 2: Reduce the size of our PNB to either 11 or 17-Bill

Proposed Amendment 3: Prohibit paid staff from serving on any of our boards-Bill

Action Items

Adjourn-10:30pm EDT

Approval of the minutes was postponed to the next meeting.

Motion: Reiter

It shall be the policy of the committee that minutes shall be circulated 7 days prior to the meeting at which they are to be approved, and that all changes to the minutes will be submitted in writing prior to that meeting.

Passed without objection

Motion: Martin

Whereas the bylaws require that unanimous agreement of the officers for holding a meeting not authorized by the LSB itself, therefore no individual LSB member or officer may unilaterally call an LSB meeting.

Passed without objection.

Discussion of difficulties in replying to the govlist was resolved by a request for specific changes, to be made by Bill Crosier to the technical staff.

Motion:Brazon

Meeting dates which have been established by a majority vote of a committee, and properly noticed, shall not be cancelled except by a 2/3 vote at a properly noticed meeting at which quorum is achieved or by the written (email) consent of 2/3 of the committee's members. Written (email) consent shall be sent to the entire committee.

Amendment:Crosier

Replace "a 2/3 vote" by "a majority of the committees members"

Amendment passed 7-6

Motion as amended passed without objection.

Motion to have support of governance committee for a bylaws proposal:Crosier

Proposed Amendment 1: Reduce the size of our LSBs and delegate assemblies to 16 (a reduction of 1/3):

Essentially, we could do this while keeping the proportions of staff vs listener reps the same, by electing 6 listener reps and 2 staff reps in each delegate election (instead of 9 listeners and 3 staff). Assuming we allowed current people to continue in their terms (easier to get approval of the amendment this way), it would reduce the size of the LSBs from 24 to 20 following the delegate election this year, and then to 16 following the delegate election next year.

Rationale: I assume this is obvious, but it should make our LSB meetings function better, as large boards tend to be very unwieldy, would be closer to best practices for non-profit boards (which generally recommend a size of 8-15), make it less critical to recruit such a large number of candidates in each delegate election, and reduce the costs a little for our LSBs.

Motion to postpone to next meeting:Crosier

Motion to postpone passed without objection

Meeting adjourned at 10:30.