

Board Meeting to review Bylaws- May 21st

Attendance: Linda Kitzman, Martha Lageschulte, Tammy Linnert, Dan Elvera, Sue Wangerin, Terry Walb, Lorrie McAllister, Donna Dannen & Tamara Barach

Zoom Meeting Started by Martha at 7:02PM

The purpose of the meeting was to review the bylaws and the updates made by the bylaw committee. The focus the first hour was on membership requirements and the board structure. The committee discussed proposed changes to Article 3, Section 3 regarding Election to Membership. There was a proposal to change the requirements for new members applying for membership to the club if wanted Individual/Household membership to attend 3 meetings and volunteer at one club event in the first year before becoming a voting member. Lorrie suggested requiring new applicants to attend four meetings in total, 2 before submitting the application and 2 after reading the application. Also proposed an additional requirement for members attending 50% meetings or events to be eligible to vote. The group discussed focusing on transitioning from an associate to full membership after the first year. Tammy explained that sponsors would need to take a more active role in guiding new members and help them understand the club activities and who we are. The group discussed how to communicate these changes to a new applicant and the importance of engaging potential members to ensure they understand the commitment levels for different membership types. It was agreed that sponsors should reach out to those they sponsor based on their interests to make them feel welcome and involved. The discussion also covered how to handle out of state members and maintain engagement, with suggestions to use committee work as a way for them to be involved.

The next topic was staggered board teams for board members. This was an item that was carried over from the last bylaw updates. Tammy explained the proposal that will be used as a motion at the next membership meeting. The intent is to elect 2 board members for a 2-year term and 2 for a 1-year term the initial year to get the staggered terms started. Dan questioned ensuring new members can bring fresh perspectives while maintaining institutional knowledge. The group agreed on the wording for the motion and to bring it to the next membership meeting. The group agreed to remove confusing language between Section 1 and Section 2 of Directors and Officers.

Nominating committee will now have only one alternate instead of two since they are rarely utilized. Also it was agreed to add a requirement of the nominating committee to contact all eligible members to gauge their interest in serving. A review was done on the language for committees Section 1 and wording was added for the Board to help develop the scope of the committees.

The meeting was wrapped up with Linda suggesting further discussion on the Election to Membership Section. Linda will put together a proposal of alternative wording and requirements for Section 3 incorporating ideas of attendance and events with a more positive approach.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:02 pm

Respectfully submitted by Tammy Linnert, Corresponding Secretary