

NCPLDA Board Meeting

Tuesday, November 3, 2015

Via conference call

Board Members Present: Ross Holt, Jane Blackburn, Jane McAllister, Laurel Morris, Mary Sizemore, Jodi Risacher, Lynn Thompson, Harry Tuchmayer, Suzanne White

Ross Holt called the meeting to order at 2:02 pm

The agenda was approved by acclamation.

Old Business: Proposed Constitutional Amendments: Determine quorum requirements : Jane McAllister

Jane M. asked a local attorney to review the existing bylaws. He recommended several editorial changes to streamline the language. Article 4 states that the quorum for a membership meeting at 25%. There was a concern that this figure was too low, especially to be consistent with the 33% quorum required for the Board meetings. Ross said that usually we have 45-50 in attendance at NCPLDA meetings, which is just about half of the membership. The committee's recommendation is 33%. Jodi suggested we provide some means for electronic voting if we know that the projected attendance at a meeting is too low. Language allowing for members to be present by electronic means (i.e. Skype) will be added. This proposal was accepted by acclamation.

New Business: 1. Expansion of Board / Election of Officers

Intent, to allow President, Vice President/President Elect, Treasurer, and Secretary to serve as voting board members in keeping with a proposed Constitutional amendment that all officers be members of the Board of Directors. They would be elected by the Association as at-large Board of Directors members and then would be confirmed as officers by the Board of Directors at their annual meeting. There was considerable discussion about the legalities and potential concerns about this process and the Board was not able to clearly discern what steps would be necessary.

Ross suggested that this might need to go back to the committee for further consideration, and that it might not be able to be resolved at the December meeting. It might be best to ask someone at the School of Government to help with clarification. Harry will do that and Jane will continue to work with the attorney on the wording of the Bylaws.

2. Leeway to negotiate lobbyist's salary

There has been some interest in luring our lobbyist away to represent another group and Ross asked for permission to negotiate her salary as high as \$20,000 per year plus expenses, if necessary. Mary moved and Harry seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Lynn moved, and Jane B. seconded to adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 2:56 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Laurel R. Morris, Secretary

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