

Meeting Date: 7/24/2014

- 1) The new President, Rich Treadgold, welcomed all attendees and encouraged them to speak up when they had ideas, ask questions if something was not clear, giving other members the same opportunities to speak.
- 2) Membership meeting Time and Place decisions: The Chapter chose:
Marin Chapter meetings will begin at 9:30am the 2nd Thursday of each month.
If it conflicts with a holiday, an appropriate adjustment will be made in advance.
- 3) Presentation and discussion of the Proposed Bylaw changes as outlined on the Agenda, a copy of which was given to each attendee. Rich asked if the concept of the changes were agreeable to everyone here - with no objections, he indicated that "refined" wording will be worked out by a sub-committee consisting of: Rich, Susan Simpson and John Dower. And the final result will be discussed.

It was decided that we'd prefer to continue using the name Board of Directors to delineate the officers of the Chapter rather than changing it to Leadership Team as was the Board members' working name during the transition. Since the status quo therefore remains, no need for a motion or a vote - we're going to keep to Board of Directors. All "LT" 's will be changed to "BD" There was a brief suggestion of Fellowship Council - but this was largely ignored in the clear majority opinion.

Process for making changes: Review the way things are set up as we go along - change where needed to smooth the process. Some other items are policies that can be adjusted as needed to help things function smoothly.

Agenda Items

- 4) Officer Check-Ins (2 minutes each)

Secretary: MJ - offers help to any members with questions. She

pledges yet again to be a quiet, background supporter of the system!

Vice President: Paul - out while his back heals from over-enthusiastic activity with his Olympic weightlifter trainer!

Treasurer: Peter: distributed handouts, and a lesson in Accrual Accounting.

Forthwith: We (all Chairs and officers) are going to be doing budgets. Bylaws require we create a budget in the summer and submit it to the membership in the fall.

In addition: he proposed several procedures be put in place:

Accrual accounting \$150 lifetime figures spread 10 years (actuarial) - notes on the paper sheet.

The Annual Luncheon - should be self-supporting - i.e. payments by attendees should cover the cost of the event. (Note: need to pro-rate cost for any guests invited since we would not expect them to contribute their cost - unless they really, really wanted to, of course...)

Next meeting he'll have final numbers

Peter wants all committee heads & BOD to fill in the Worksheet he handed out. He pointed out that we should be charging the organization for costs - eg: copying, supplies when we are working on an event or project.

The budget will be reviewed quarterly.

Owen presented the following motion**:

Whereas Gene Dyer was empanelled as a Grand Juror in 1995, and
Whereas Gene has served in various capacities, primarily as a member of and Chairperson of the Communications Committee over the intervening years, and
Whereas Gene has now paid dues over the 19 years of his membership in the Marin Chapter,

It is moved that the membership of the Marin Chapter grant to Gene Dyer: "Life Member" status in perpetuity effective with member year 2014-2015 and that the \$20 dues for 2014-2015 year he has already paid, be returned to him with a reminder that such monies may be donated to the chapter at his choice.

** slightly edited and clarified by Secretary.

Seconded by Rich - and passed by rousing acclamation!

Question presented to the group by Betty: Will we spend dues money on alcoholic beverages when we are sponsoring luncheons and/or welcoming parties for new juries? She feels we need a policy - Betty will contact Beata and see what other chapters do, and if there is any policy overall.

Rich asked who should have business cards? - certainly those people who are out in the public representing the Association. Board members can submit request for business cards - and they will be decided on a case-by-case basis. In general, when a member is a delegate to a meeting - e.g. Nancy (not sure where she was going...)

We will have Projects on our list of things to take on as well - e.g. Excellence in Reporting

IRC will decide if the name should be changed, There was some newspaper person who wanted it called "Follow Up Committee" - not all agreed!

HOW should committees assimilate new members. Need assistant Chair for any group more than 5 members. Peter Kiers volunteered to be Asst. Chair on Membership to assist Owen. Both Linda Glasscock and Judy Chapter indicated an interest in being on the committee. Jean Gunn will be Asst. Chair for Nadine on Outreach.

COMMITTEES - prior entries

People who want to join Orientation and Training - Catherine meets with all who are interested in participating in the early part of the new year. Betty will be orientation.

COMMITTEE CHAIR CHECK- LIST

Owen: Membership

Member contact list is not a Member Roster. Brand new contact concept - want to enable 74 active members to be able to contact each other. Compose a list of all the members, email addresses. We sent out list. Owen wants a definitive response. He suggests we call it the EMail list. Every member will be contacted

Question about decision regarding money given to Chapter for seated GJ. Keep the \$380 as is - current jury - accept any from prior jury without payment unless they want to donate.

Lowell Smith agreed to be: _____ (possible prize for someone who remembers what he agreed to be...)

SOCIAL COMMITTEE: Sterling Harwell. Nancy Frease volunteered to be Asst. Chair. - First social event of the year: Senior Scams in September - someone is a traveling speaker on this topic. Committee is requesting Rich as the MC. Go figure...

IRC meets August 4 - next meeting

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Rich is going to learn to operate the Website - it's critical to our mission. Gene would love to have some "worker bees" as well. Rich let everyone know, it will probably be Sept. before we get a workable website

*****Need content from each Chair every Month *****

PUBLIC OUTREACH

Nadine will be meeting with Judy to pick up the files - She is hoping we can get more inactive members active as well as people out in the community - people who can be active. Jean Gunn has volunteered to be Asst. Chair! Yea, Jean!

We need more people to be prospective jurors. Please send her emails with any ideas
Ads in the IJ can be done by this committee as well as letters from other members.

PROJECT If anyone deserves an award - CGJA has a program, as a Chapter we can make awards. To give us full information, it will be on the Agenda next time.

Next meeting: each Committee Head tell us how you want new members to join your committee. Should it be open?, should we evaluate how they can operate?.

BE sure prospective members know when and how much time it will take. Need for each committee to develop goals.

Moved to Adjourn AI/Nadine
Unanimous.

Submitted: M.J.Boyden

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