

Minutes of the General Membership Meeting of the Albuquerque Press Club

Date: 03 / 09 / 12

Board of Directors Members Present:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> President: Tony Couture	<input type="checkbox"/> Director: Pam Micker
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vice President: Thom Wright	<input type="checkbox"/> Director: Bob Springer
<input type="checkbox"/> Secretary: Dawn Catanach	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director: Barry Hatcher
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Treasurer: Jim Riordan	<input type="checkbox"/> Director: Steve Hurlburt
<input type="checkbox"/> Manager: Jon Wright	<input type="checkbox"/> Director: Chris Potter
	<input type="checkbox"/> Director: Kouri Antinone

Also present: other members

This is a special meeting to discuss and vote on changes to the APC Constitution proposed by the board to the membership:

President Tony Couture called the meeting to order at 7:10PM in the Clubhouse. He told us we would discuss and vote on the proposed changes by segment.

Segment 1, Changing the classification of "Professional" to "Journalist" and replacing of the definition of those who qualify for this position with the following: The motion was made and seconded

- A. Journalist You may qualify for Journalist membership if your primary activity fits into one of the following groups or if you have worked for 10 years or more in one of the following groups:
- A.1. Reporter, editor, writer, publisher; editorial and news cartoonist or artist; news photographer or videographer; producer, president or general manager; librarian, web master or other editorial employee of a regularly issued news outlet that is supported by advertising, paid subscriptions, or funded by a non – profit organization.(Organization must operate with editorial independence from any political, government, commercial or special interest and must be published for the primary dissemination of the news.)
 - A.2. Journalism instructors, professors and deans at the college level.
 - A.3. Non-fiction authors.

Minor discussion, passed without dissent.

Segment 2, Changing the classification of "Associate" to "Communicator"and replacing of the definition of those who qualify for this position with the following: The motion was made and seconded.

- B. Communicator You may qualify for Communicator membership if your primary activity fits into one of the following groups or if you spent 5 or more years in one of the following groups or the groups listed as Journalist.
- B.1. Non-editorial employees for qualified news outlets such as business managers, advertising managers, circulation managers, promotion managers and system operators.
 - B.2. Former journalists who worked as journalists for at least 10 years.
 - B.3. Current and retired press aides for foreign or domestic governments.
 - B.4. News Source members have regular contact with the 'working press,' such as public relation/communications professionals.
 - B.5. Authors of books or plays, editors of books or film, poets, television or film script writers and

book publishers.

B.6. Blogger or other internet media publisher

B.7. Student members who are enrolled full-time in undergraduate or graduate journalism programs; or work on campus .publications, broadcast outlets or news internet sites; or who otherwise intern or work part-time for qualified news outlets.

B.8. Writers, editors, publishers of company or industry newsletters who spend 40 or more hours monthly in these endeavors

Minor discussion, a motion was made and seconded to amend the motion by removing item "2" from the list then renumber the list. This motion passed without dissent. The motion on the table then became:

Segment 3, Remove completely the following: The motion was made and seconded.

ARTICLE V – OFFICERS

Section 6. Performance Bonds. Any officer may be required to post a bond for the faithful performance of duties, the amount of such bond to be established by the Board.

Some discussion ensued, passed without dissent

Segment 4, Edit the wording of the following as follows, with strike out of words removed, italics are words added. This was done to clarify. The motion was made and seconded with discussion following.

ARTICLE VII -- ELECTIONS

Section 6. Vacancies. When a vacancy occurs in the office of the President, the Vice-President becomes President for the unexpired balance of the term. When a vacancy occurs in the Office of the Vice-President, Secretary, or Treasurer, the office is filled by Board appointment for the unexpired balance of the term. When a Director vacancy occurs on the Board, it is filled by Board appointment until the next Annual Meeting, at which time a Director is elected to serve the unexpired balance of the term. All such appointments shall be in accordance with the provisions of Sections 1 and 2 of this Article

A motion was made and seconded to amend the motion to further clarify while removing needless words. The revised wording would become:

ARTICLE VII -- ELECTIONS

Section 6. Vacancies. When a vacancy occurs, it is filled by Board appointment until the next Annual Meeting. All such appointments shall be in accordance with the provisions of Sections 1 and 2 of this Article.

With some discussion, this amendment to the motion was passed then the amended motion was passed without dissent.

Segment 5, Edit the wording of the following as follows, with strike out of words removed, italics are words added. This was done to return meaning to the job of nominating committee.

Section 4. Nominations. No less than 60 days prior to the Annual Meeting, the President appoints a Nominating Committee consisting of five Club members in good standing, no more than two of whom may be Board members. No less than 45 days prior to the Annual Meeting, the Nominating Committee presents a slate of nominees consisting of at least one candidate for each open position, including all those who express a wish to the committee to run for office or directorship, and are, in the opinion of the Committee, qualified to appropriately fill the position.

This list of nominees must be posted forthwith on the Club bulletin board. Additional nominees may be made from the floor at the Annual Meeting.

Discussion ensued, passed without dissent.

Segment 6, Motion to remove the following section entirely, the motion was duly made and seconded.

ARTICLE IX – DISCIPLINE OF MEMBERS

Section 4. Appeal. A disciplined member who is aggrieved by the Board's decision may appeal the decision to the Club membership, by so notifying the President or Secretary in writing. The office so notified must promptly call a special meeting of the Club membership for the purpose of hearing the appeal, such special meeting to be held no less than five or more than 15 days after receipt of the appeal notification. Provided a quorum exists, the Club membership present and qualified to vote at the special meeting may, by two-thirds majority vote, overturn or modify the disciplinary action of the Board.

There was a considerable amount of disagreement/discussion. The motion passed with a single dissenting vote.

Segment 7, Motion to amend notification requirements by adding the words "or email", this is a clarification of existing procedures. The italicized words are those proposed to be added. The motion was made and seconded that we amend our constitution as follows:

ARTICLE VI -- MEETINGS

Section 1. Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting of the Club membership is held in Bernalillo County, New Mexico, on a date in December each year, at a time and place set by the Board. Written or e-mail notice of the Annual Meeting will be given all members no less than 10 days prior to the meeting. This meeting will include the election of officers and directors to the next year's Board of Directors.

Section 2. Special Meetings. A special meeting of the Club membership may be called by the President, and must be called by the President upon written request by a majority of the Board or 10 percent of the members. At least 10 days prior notice of the time, place, and purpose of such special meetings must be mailed or emailed to all members.

There was little discussion, the motion passed without dissent.

There being no further business on the agenda, the President asked for a motion to adjourn. It was so moved, seconded, and passed with no dissent.

Respectfully Submitted

Thom Wright, Vice President