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November 30, 2020 at 7pm

Special meeting- Called to order at 7:12pm.

Board Members in Attendance: Laura Dunagan President, Justin Cumley Vice President, Maynard Cowan Treasurer, Lynn Embick Secretary, David Hayden, Adam Gates, Sarah Blanton, Ken Hargis, Will Fitzpatrick.

Absent Board Members:

Also in Attendance:

Meeting called by president to discuss member poll results, and make a decision regarding the AGM.

- Laura contacted the Sec of State and was advised to go with our constitution, which currently states members are to be present, but does not indicate virtually or in-person.
- Will suggested double checking the State of NM Corporate laws, exceptions due to exceptional times, though our constitution does not define attendance as physical.
- Adam asked about a researched or chosen platform. All are concerned that some members may not have internet access or the proper equipment or knowledge to attend virtually. Discussion included the suggestion that the AGM could be virtual with a call-in option. Another suggestion was to have a town hall style meeting and then have elections after via a virtual poll.
- Lynn suggested multiple ways to access, Zoom-like conference, live streaming, recorded for viewing later, and voting through Member Planet.
- Adam suggested leaving voting open and the recording available for several days after the event.
- Laura posed whether or not to try holding the meeting in December or postponing till January. Discussion included that there is no way at this point for us to comply with all of the timelines and deadlines we would normally follow due to the COVID restrictions and uncertainty. In previous years 60 days notice has been given for the formation of a nomination committee, in-person recruitment at the Club. Not possible this year, though we should try to give as much notice as possible.
- Voting through a virtual platform, providing individual, unique identification constitutes an electronic signature.
- Historically, if there has been a disagreement over the AGM, a request for another meeting can be made by membership, and another meeting can legally be scheduled. Defacto affirmation if no disagreement.
- All agreed to push for AGM in December.
- Will made a motion to conduct the APC AGM and elections in December. Sarah seconded. Discussion ensued.

- An email would have to go out ASAP regarding AGM and elections, soliciting nomination bios.
- Laura suggested Dec 20th for meeting.
- David proposed an amendment to the original motion: 19 days notice for the AGM. Will seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.
- Laura confirmed AGM to be held Sun, December 20 at 4pm.
- Vote for original motion. All in favor. Motion passed.
- Will offered to utilize his account on Microsoft Teams that can hold 300 participants, and live stream through a streaming service on YouTube. Will will assist. Laura will officially moderate.
- Deadline for candidate bios to be distributed to membership: December 14, 7pm (date of next Board meeting), though anyone can still run for position day of the AGM.
- Will will give a quick tutorial and ground rules for the meeting.
- AGM will be recorded.
- Voting to commence at the close of meeting via Member Planet and will remain open, and the meeting viewable for three days, or 72 hours, post-meeting.
- Lynn to email WHPF to confirm their participation in the AGM.

Motion to adjourn at 8:50pm by Ken. Seconded by Adam. All in favor. Motion passed.