

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, March 25

10:45 AM

Zoom Teleconferencing Call

Voting Present: Allison Kripp, Alan Pullman, Jeremy Harris, Griselda Suarez

Voting Absent: Sheva Hosseinzadeh

DLBA Staff: Kraig Kojian, Cherisse Evans, Monica Morrill

1. CALL TO ORDER and INTRODUCTIONS – Alan Pullman, Chair
Meeting called to order at 10:49 AM.
2. APPROVE MINUTES

ACTION: Approve Minutes from [February 25, 2020 Meeting](#)

1st: Kripp. 2ND: Suarez. None opposed, no abstentions. Motion carries.

3. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – Pullman

A. Review Board and Committee Vacancies

i. Board DPIA East Village

- Jeremy Schott held this seat but recently moved his business out of the East Village and is no longer eligible for that specific seat. He is eligible for DPIA North, CDI residential representative (both will be open at the end of this fiscal year), PBID Residential representative (not available) and At Large.
- The DPIA East Village seat will be filled by appointment. The Governance Committee can make for appointments to the Executive Committee and Board, including Board applicants.

ii. [Marketing & Communications Committee vacancy](#)

- The committee decided that the Marketing & Communications Chair/Vice-Chair should initiate contact with the candidates listed and gauge their interest in serving on this committee. From there, those individuals they feel should be further considered, will be recommended to the Governance Committee to take part in an introductory meeting.

B. 2020-2021 Board Election Timeline

i. Review Board Candidate submissions to date - [Bios](#)

ii. Report on outreach to all sitting Board members - [Board Member Term History](#)

- The Board members who have been contacted about reapplying for the Board, have all expressed interest in returning. There are still Board members that need to be reached.

iii. Discuss scheduling Board candidate interviews (May)

- With the current circumstance related to the COVID-19 health crisis, there is some concern as to whether usual Board Election timeframes can be adhered to. From the recruiting side, we have had only one submission to date and are unsure if during this we will receive much more stakeholder interest in serving on the Board.



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- Scheduling interviews may also prove difficult during this time for both candidates and Governance Committee interviewers.
- After reviewing the current [Board Election Timeline](#), there is an option to extend the recruitment period by a month and delay Board Candidate interviews by a month, in part by shortening the stakeholder voting period.
- Another option presented by Kojian, is to postpone the election process until the following year (2021-22) and ask Board members to extend their term for one year.
- The committee would discussed taking time between now and the next committee meeting, to see what interest there is from our stakeholders in terms of applications submitted and make a determination then as to whether to continue to solicit interest, as there may be current Board members who are unable to commit to serving an extra year.
- With the proposed option of canceling the Board Election this year, Suarez mentioned that keeping the current Board as we continue to head into unknown circumstances, would be beneficial. The Board would have both the experience and momentum as a cohesive group of leaders to best focus its efforts on advocacy and recovery. Likewise, new Board members trying to get orientated in the organization, would be at a disadvantage during this uncertain time, making it more difficult to adapt to their new roles.
- This topic will be raised at the April Executive Committee meeting and Board of Directors meetings as part of the Governance report, to gain feedback from our Executive Committee and Board members.
- If there is a decision to cancel the Board Election process, this would be considered an emergency measure and would not affect our Bylaws.

4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Kraig Kojian

A. [Bylaws](#) – definitions

The committee will continue to look at language throughout the Bylaws to clarify areas that are unclear.

5. OLD BUSINESS

6. NEW BUSINESS

7. PUBLIC COMMENT (three minutes on all non-agenda items)

8. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 11: 50 AM.

NEXT GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING:

Wednesday, April 22, 2020

at 10 AM

Location: TBD

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