

RDSPA Executive Board Meeting

Nov 9, 2009

Laura Abrams acting as recording secretary for Andrew Tilin

1. Welcome and introductions

Present: Margaret Gee, Garner Weng, George Horton, Tony Rimal, Brenda Kienan, Debbie Degenshein, Tracey Borst, Ryan Helton, Sarah Lehman, Michelle Wilson, Charlie Cypher, Timothy Boucher, Laura Abrams.

2. Approval of 9-14-09 and 10-06-09 minutes. Motion passed.

3. Governance committee

Organizational Structure

Charge from the board to look at the structure of the bylaws. To draft bylaws and policy procedures. Now examining the 501(c)(3) status of the PA as a standalone organization. The committee wants Board authorization to discuss the status.

Motion: The RDSPA Board hereby grants the Governance Committee the option of reviewing its current 501(c)(3) status as part of the process of developing new bylaws for the Association.

Discussion: regarding making the standalone status a conscious choice going forward. Evaluate pros and cons and best practices.

RDS is unique to have a separate 501(c)(3). It should be simple to get a baseline of other schools. Con: Would have less authority to allocate funds if combined with the school.

Tim requested that the Board give the governance committee a defined task, because the committee serves at the pleasure of the Board.

Amendment to Motion: The RDSPA Board directs the Vice President of the Association, with the support of the governance committee, to review pros and cons of separate 501(c)(3) status and report to the board at the next meeting.

Amendment passed.

4. Alternate Bylaws Proposal to Governance Committee (Timothy Boucher)
See Summary briefing for the Board concerning proposed amendments to the RDSPA Bylaws

Motion: "I move that the Board charge the Governance committee with reviewing the attached proposed by-law amendments and provide the Board with a written report of its recommendations with respect to whether they should be adopted by the Association as-is, or adopted by the Association with suggested modifications, or why they not be adopted by the Association in any part at all. This to be undertaken before it (the Governance committee) takes on any other

projects or issues or continues work on any other issues or projects, and if the Governance Committee cannot produce such a report within three months time to inform the Board in writing and in person as to why it was unable to complete this task.

Presentation by Tim: He wrote a set of bylaws because the governance committee had not moved forward. Any new bylaws must be approved at a general meeting in March. His document was sent to the Governance Committee to get the “wheels moving,” to get that committee to accept, change, or reject the document.

Discussion about submitting documents for consideration.

The stated goal of the document submitted by Tim was to start the discussion. Others felt that this was an unusual procedure and the tone was punitive. Board agreed to remove the second sentence beginning with “This to be undertaken before...”

Margaret stated that the new bylaws should be ready before the February 2, 2010 meeting for review.

New Motion:

The Governance Committee shall create a draft of bylaws and policy and procedures by January 20, 2010, and in doing so will read, consider and comment on the document submitted by Tim.

Motion carried.

5. Update on Reuse Event: Report by George Horton.

Proposed date: May 8, 2010. Not yet on calendar.

Sale of items from RDS community for reuse by others. Funds to RDS.

Salvation Army contacted to take away unsold goods at the end of the event.

Tables and light snacks to be provided.

E-waste disposal possible.

Need a trailer for storage.

This is a green committee initiative. Looking for a catchy name.

6. Resolution to Nominate and Appoint Auction committee Co-chairs

Nikki Maguire and Tracey Borst proposed. Motion carried with many thanks.

7. Spring Auction Update:

Tracey made a request to the Board to get their donations in early to set a good example.

The Board will provide one live auction item. PA members to give whatever they can. Margaret will accept confidential donations.

8. Budget: Tony Rimac

Preliminary discussion about ideas for surplus dispensation. This was tabled for December meeting. Sarah L. will let Mike know that the issue of funds to the school will be discussed at the next meeting

This issue will have to be approved by the General PA.

\$20-25K in reserve recommended.

Discussed accelerating the budget process to get in sync with school (brief).

8. Review of New Communications Outreach Tools—Brenda

The tenor of the comments has shifted towards the positive. Many of the early glitches have been worked out.

There are other tools, but the FF is the primary means of communication. These include posters and backpack stuffers.

It has now been clarified when email is appropriate and when best to employ it. Monday and Tuesday are best days for email communication.

Information to be included in FF needs to be sent to Brenda by Monday for publication on Friday.

9. Announcements

Book Bug Boogie and Book Fair, Generations Day—November

RDS Trustee/PA/ Staff party on December 12. Need volunteers to help set up, clean up. Caterer will be providing food at cost.

Ryan: Door code will be in effect by the next meeting.

And, the library kitchen is clean! Ryan encourages everyone to keep it that way as a great community space.