

FOCUS ART
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
Saturday , August 28, 2010, 10 am.
Studio One Cat Squared

A special meeting was called by the President Sandra Taylor in order to address the confusion and frustration surrounding the accusations by D'Arcy Thorpe Past President and to correct the situation of mismanaged elections. D'Arcy was invited to meet with the Board and refused so this meeting was held to try and find a way to allow interested parties to participate in resolving the situation.

Present : Sandra Hedges Taylor, Alan Bain, Ken MacLennan, Pat Campbell, Micheline Tanguay, Dorena Kerry, Denise Desjardins, Adèle Constantineau, Jacqueline Milner, Beverly Leroux, Libby Cameron, Rose Desnoyers.

Opening statement : Sandra called the meeting to order. She spoke of a need to find a rapid solution to the problem so that members' confidence not be lost and that the Board not be perceived as underhanded. She hoped that the communications be open and transparent. All actions be united and clear and all talk away from the Board be positive.

Sandra also reminded members of the importance of respecting the ethics that are part of the Constitution.

- Events that led to the confusing situation were reviewed

- Members were allowed to vent their frustrations

- Ken MacLennan proposed a plan of action which would allow the membership to move forward
He suggested we turn to the Constitution for a solution. That according to the Constitution Article 5.3 (1) ten members call a special meeting 5:4 which would be an extension of the AGM for incomplete business. At this meeting the executive officers be nominated from the directors elected at the April meeting.

Members at the meeting felt this was a positive and transparent solution. Sandra proposed we proceed and Pat Campbell seconded the motion. All agreed.

- As part of his plan Ken also proposed revisiting the Constitution at a later date to address the section of elections .

Suggestions :

Nominating Committee- The Board shall appoint a nominating committee of three persons, not members of the Board , who shall provide the recommended list of Directors, including the recommended officers of the Board from the recommended list of directors, with such list to be included with the notice of the annual meeting

Nominations from the Floor- nomination of members other than from the slate recommended in Section 5.4 (iv) for those seeking the position of either an officer or

director must be submitted to the Secretary or President by written notice signed by two other members at least forty- eight hours prior to the date of the annual general meeting.

The Board agreed that there is a lack of precision in the Constitution regarding elections and would address the issue before the next AGM in 2011.

- It was agreed that it was necessary to communicate the information regarding the Special meeting by mail and by internet (10 days notice).

- It was decided that at the regular meeting September 1st, Sandra announce the Special meeting (Sept. 15, 2010) and proceed to conduct the general meeting as planned.

- Sandra thanked all members for their participation. She especially thanked Ken for the effort he made to find a positive and constructive solution for all..

-Meeting was adjourned 11:30

R. Desnoyers (acting secretary)