



EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTE September 1, 2021

Location: North Shore Burgers

1929 Verdugo Blvd Ste. B, La Cañada Flintridge, CA 91011

Call to Order: 6:33 PM

Members Present: President Mark Waronek, Vice President Ali Sajjad Taj, Secretary/Treasurer Jeff Wood, Legislative Committee Co-Chair Jennifer Perez, Selection Committee Sandra Armenta, Resolutions Committee Dr. Julian Gold, Special Events Committee James Bozajian, Membership Committee Nancy Tragarz, Legislative Committee Co-Chair Stacey Armato, Associate Members Co-Chair Mike Davitt, Budget and Audit Committee Dana Reed, Public Safety Committee Brenda Olmos

Absent: By-Laws Committee Yesenia De La Rosa, Ambassador Committee Ray Hamada, Immediate Past President Lindsey Horvath, Associate Members Co-Chair Frank Zerunyan, City Managers Chair Ryan Smoot, Director-at-Large Rex Richardson, Director-at-Large Lori Woods, Legal Contract Committee Blanca Pacheco, Marketing Committee Jose Gonzalez, , Director-at-Large Margret Finlay, Director-at-Large Cedric Hicks

Others Present: Marcel Rodarte, Jorge Morales, Mayra Bonilla,

Quorum: YES

Meeting Proceedings

- Secretary/Treasurer Jeff Wood presented the July financial report, September disbursements, and August meeting minutes for approval. Ali Sajjad Taj motioned for approval, seconded by Stacey Armato. No abstentions, motion passed.

Reports

President's Report - *President Mark Waronek*

- President Waronek thanked the Executive Board for their participation in the Strategic Planning Session. He said ED Marcel and himself are available for a quick zoom meeting for those who wanted to be brought up to date with the discussion points of the SPS but were unable to attend. He also reminded members the dates for SLOT which will be held over January 9th – 11th in Sacramento. He mentioned that due to conflicts with the October Executive Board meeting and the CJPIA conference, the meeting will be held via Zoom.



Executive Director's Report - *Marcel Rodarte*

- Executive Director Marcel Rodarte gave an update on FES. He mentioned registration is much higher than he initially anticipated. Also, due to new Covid-19 variants and restrictions, we are asking all guest to provide either proof of vaccination against Covid-19 or a negative test that must be taken within 72 hours prior to the date of the conference. He mentioned that due to the events that happened at AMS 2019, he has hired extra security to come be at the conference.
- ED Rodarte mentioned that he will now be a member of the Blue Ribbon Commission and will be meeting bi-weekly.

Legislative Committee Report - *Co-Chairs Jennifer Perez and Stacey Armato*

- Co-Chair's Armato and Perez gave an update on different bills being considered by the Legislative Committee, including AB215, AB1105, SB9, SB679, and others.
- Jorge Morales advised that the association has created an SB9 media kit that can be accessed online and encourages members to use the resources in this kit to oppose this bill. He mentioned that although the Bill has already passed and is in the hands of the Governor, the Governor has the authority not to sign it and that is still the end goal.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to conduct, or actions required, President Mark Waronek adjourned the September 2021 Executive Board Meeting at 7:21PM, in honor of Azusa Councilmember who passed, Uriel Macias.

Recorded by: Mayra Bonilla
Operations Manager

Jeff Wood
Secretary/Treasurer