



EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES – March 1, 2023

Location: University Club, USC

Call to Order: 6:22 PM

Members Present: President Jeff Wood, Secretary/Treasurer Dr. Julian Gold, Ambassador Committee Yesenia De La Rosa (via Zoom), Budget and Audit Committee Nancy Tragarz, By-Laws Committee Sandra Armenta, Director-At-Large Ray Jackson, Legal and Contracts Committee James Bozajian, Legislative Committee Jennifer Perez, Marketing Committee Jose Gonzalez, Legislative Committee Co-Chair John Erickson, Vice President Ali Sajjad Taj, Immediate Past President Mark Waronek, City Managers/Administrators Committee Thaddeus McCormack, Director-At-Large Claudia Frometa, Emeritus Director-At-Large Frank Zerunyan, Resolutions Committee Lori Woods, Selection Committee Margret Finlay, Special Events Committee Gustavo Camacho, Bylaws committee Co-Chair Dana Reed (via zoom)

Absent: Director-At-Large Steve Tye, Membership Committee Ray Hamada, Public Safety Committee Chair Brenda Olmos, Associate Member Committee Chair Michael Davitt

Others Present: Marcel Rodarte, Jorge Morales, Mayra Bonilla

Quorum: YES

Meeting Proceedings

- Secretary/Treasurer Julian Gold presented the March disbursements, and February meeting minutes. Mark Waronek motioned to approve, seconded by Jennifer Perez. With no abstentions, the motion passed unanimously.

Reports

President's Report - *President Jeff Wood*

- Frank Zerunyan welcomed members to the University Club
- President Wood thanked those for going to the February BOD meeting held in Monterey Park where Local Hero Brandon Tsay was honored by the association and a donation was made to the China Service Center which is working with the local community.
- President Wood invited members to join him at his last BOD meeting as President on 4/19 in the City of Lakewood

Executive Director's Report - *Marcel Rodarte*

- Director Rodarte Presented the contract extension for SLOT (Sheraton Grand) for approval. Gustavo Camacho motioned to approve; Mark Waronek seconded. With no abstentions, the motion passed unanimously.



- Director Rodarte Presented the contract extension for AMS (Renaissance Esmeralda) for approval. Gustavo Camacho motioned to approve; Mark Waronek seconded. With no abstentions, the motion passed unanimously.
- Director Rodarte presented the ALADS Awards Banquet Sponsorship request for approval. Jennifer Perez motioned to approve; Claudia Frometa seconded. With no abstentions, the motion passed unanimously.
- Director Rodarte invited members to a March 29th dinner hosted by ALADS with guest, Sheriff Robert Luna.
- Director Rodarte also gave an update on the planning for AMS.
- Director Rodarte gave an update on the Legislative DC trip.
- Director Rodarte also mentioned that the FES will be held in San Diego and currently looking for a Host Hotel.
- Director Rodarte also gave an update on the ICA conference.
- Director Rodarte spoke about private conversations from the Legislative Committee meeting that were not intended for anyone outside of the Legislative Committee and have been shared and potentially could affect relationships with BOS or other partners. President Wood suggested creating a code of conduct for these meetings where members are unable to share private information. Jose Gonzalez suggested language should include that members do not speak on behalf of the organization. Lori Woods suggested having members sign an NDA. Director Rodarte agreed to work on something to present to the EB.

Bylaws Committee Report – *Sandra Armenta*

- Bylaws committee chair, Sandra Armenta, went over the findings and suggestions brought up during the last two committee meetings. She invited the EB to continue to send their suggested changes prior to the next Bylaws Committee. She will present the final changes for approval at the next EB meeting.

Legislative Committee Report – *Jennifer Perez*

- Legislative Committee Chair Jennifer Perez gave a summary of the current bills that have been submitted. A total of 2746 bills have been submitted and about 1k of those are spot bills.

Nominating Committee Report – *Yesenia De La Rosa*

- Yesenia De La Rosa discussed the meeting held by the nominating committee to discuss the 23/24 slate of officers and presented the following slate of officers for approval. Julian Gold as President, Jennifer Perez as Vice President, Brenda Olmos as Secretary/Treasurer.
- Ali Sajjad Taj brought up that he was under the impression, based on a conversation from November 2021 with the EB, that he was to continue to be the Vice President until he could become the President for FY 24/25 after he has finished his commitment as President of the League. However, he also wanted what was best for the organization and the belief of the EB is that the slate of officers should be as it was presented, that he will not oppose.
- Ali Sajjad Taj motioned for approval. Margaret Finlay seconded the motion. Nancy Tragarz abstained. Motion passed.



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Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm in honor of Brenda Olmos' mother in law who passed away today.

Recorded by: Mayra Bonilla
Operations Manager

Dr. Julian Gold
Secretary/Treasurer