

Treasurer's Report

MOTION: Del Highfield made the motion and Faye Henderson seconded that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented. (6 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention)

Old Business

a) President succession, Tom Lockwood suggested a change to the bi-laws regarding the Vice-President position. He felt that although the the V.P. can run for the position of President it should not be a de facto appointment.

MOTION: Tom made the motion and Marcia seconded it that there be a change to the bi-laws affecting the mode of succession of the Vice-President to President. The wording can be flushed out if we decide to move forward.

Reasons to oppose the motion were stated as follows: Before the bi-laws were amended to have the Vice-President automatically become the President an ad hoc committee gave a great deal of thought to the change. In the past, finding someone to fill the position of President was very challenging. The easing in of the Vice President into the presidency makes filling the position of President an easier task. The way the current article is stated in the bi-laws ensures continuity.

Reason in favor of the motion: The way the current article is stated is a very good way to stack the deck. Keep the old guard in place rather than bringing in new Board members. A nonautomatic presidency gives the membership the opportunity to approve the President as part of the AGM process.

(1 in favor, 6 opposed, 1 abstention) Motion defeated.

b) OLL bi-law Article 6 Section 1 - Ralph Gault discussed with the board what would constitute a quorum at the OLL AGM referencing the Mexican document titled "Shareholders Rights in Private and Public Companies in Mexico. In fact, a quorum, by definition in the document would never occur at the hour set for the AGM to begin.

Adriana spoke to our notary to varify the quorum issue and there is no way to get around Article 6, Section 1 of the OLL bilaws. We must call the AGM to convene at a certain time, knowing full well the actual meeting will be one hour later.

The invitation to attend the AGM must be absolutely clear as to the actual time the meeting will begin

c) Amazon Smiles Jacki Gordon reported that OLL is already part of the Amazon Smiles program. Jacki to arrange promoting our Amazon Smiles participation in the Eblast.

d) Volunteer Committee Chair - Marcia Reddy volunteered to schedule a committee meeting in December

e) Accounting system to replace Quickbooks - tabled

f) Stitch and Bitch brochure - Jacki Gordon explained that the production of the brochure is taking a long time because its name does not translate well into Spanish and some people have trouble with what the group is called in English

New Business

a) Secretary's report regarding Organizational Handbook

MOTION: Tom Lockwood moved and Jacki Gordon seconded that the Communications Committee is directed to find a simpler organizational method or more effective system for maintaining the Organizational Handbook. (7 in favor, 0 opposed)

OLL Committee Reports

a) *Book Committee* - Peter McCallum reported that the last order has gone in and the committee has spend all of its money. Books in English and Spanish were purchased, with emphasis on teen collection. Very few books coming in as donations. OLL has a very good relationship with Amante. Peter thanks the Board for the money allotted noting that it was money well spent Also written report.

b) *Communications Committee* - on hiatus until November

c) *Community Outreach Committee* - written report

d) *Finance Committee* - forms to be sent out to committee procedures and process for spending money

e) *Hoofing In Oaxaca* - no report

f) *In House Events Committee* - written report

Motion: Ralph Gault moved and Faye Henderson seconded that the price for walkin attendees at educational events be increased to 100 pesos for members and 150 pesos for non-members. (4 in favor, 2 opposed, 1 abstention)

The board discussed the EEC policy for reselling 50% of the seats that are left unfilled ten minutes after a presentation begins. The board has some concerns regarding this policy. After considerable discussion a motion was made.

Motion: Tom moved and Sally seconded that an EEC representative be invited to attend the next Board meeting and explain the rationale for their procedure. (7 in favor, 0 opposed)

g) Out and About - written report

h) Outreach Committee - Faye mentioned if board members know anyone with good Spanish, they would be a welcome addition to the committee. Written report

i) Technology Committee - The board was referred to the information on Eblast.

j) Volunteer Committee - see old business

MOTION: Tom made the motion and Marcia seconded that the meeting be adjourned. (7 in favor, 0 opposed)

Adjournment 12:44

Next Meeting: Thursday, December 13 at 10:30