

OSCIT Board Meeting 2013-12-20 10:30 am PST

Meeting commenced at 10:35 with all board members present.

Chair: Helen

Notetaker: 1st hour – Jessica, 2nd hour – Jess

Today we discussed the by-laws and fine-tuned the language.

Helen provided a consolidated bylaw document with board members' comments, submitted prior to the meeting, for discussion. Helen Accepted Or Deleted Comments As Issues Were Discussed And Decided.

Some particular points of discussion:

- Oregon requirement to have all meetings completely open versus "Executive Sessions" in which board members and/or others would hold a closed meeting to discuss more sensitive topics. "Executive Sessions" were added to the bylaws.
- Expulsion requirements:
 - Added a point about expelling any member who misrepresents self or organizations
 - Tightened up requirements for notification regarding accusations/allegations.
 - Loie reiterated several times the need to have everything in writing to create a paper trail and for legal protection should that become necessary.
 - Jess said that he would like to have an Executive Session in which accused and all parties involved in an accusation meet to talk it out in addition to having everything in writing.
 - Helen explained how the BBB handles complaints
- Board of Directors:
 - Changed the bylaws to reflect that any member in good standing who have been members for one year or since the organization's inception.

The president

Shall bottom-line the chairing of meetings, but will rotate through with other board members

The secretary

What kind of note-taking are we talking about? Blow-by-blow or just main points and decisions?

The latter, not so much work for secretary

Does the secretary take notes at every meeting? No, secretary just creates the finished product minutes and is the repository for the collected minutes from all meetings, and making sure notices are going out according to the by-laws.

Who should have access to the meeting minutes? They should be made available in the members area of the website.

Officers

Jess opposed board members being elected by the board, wants officers/board members to be elected by membership. Others agree to the change.

Discussion covered the by-laws up to but not including Article VII.

A smaller body (Helen and someone else?) will draw up a new draft of the By-laws reflecting the discussion/decisions in this meeting

Board members encouraged to send feedback on Article VII before the next meeting

Next meeting

Possible dates -

Preferred: Friday, Dec. 27th, 10:30 am (Video Conference)

Alternative: Monday, Dec. 30th, 10:30 am (Video Conference)

Items for next Meeting agenda: Continue approval of By-Laws, starting with Article VII