

10/29/20 Executive Committee

- Call to order 6:17
- Attendance
 - Board Members – Nick Setten, Jerry Baroh, Lisa Connolley, Gordie McIntyre, David Ghodoussi, Laurie Johnson, Mark Brady, Joan
 - Absent – Shari Curiel, Zak Gebrkidan, Ali Mowry
 - Audience – Betty Halfon, Susan Ghodoussi
 - No quorum.
- Approval of Minutes – no quorum, so we will be pushing this to the November GA.
- Reports
 - PDA Council Reps
 - Committee
 - Nick updates on status of the Bylaws Committee, have compiled a list of potential updates
 - Elections committee – Joan requests minutes from August 18 GA (short election day meeting)
- Old Business
- New business
 - Issue brought up regarding truth and nontruths being brought up in Podcast. Earlier this month one of our members was featured on the Pike Place Podcast and made a comment that a number of PDA councilors took issue with, regarding PDA decisions behind opening/closing Market during Covid.
 - David discusses the value of prudence in identifying folks in public communications, and the need for us to take the higher road. Says that it is unusual for someone to point out the person by name in a public meeting.
 - Joan says that there was a comment about this at PDA Executive Meeting this month, the draft minutes of which were at tonight's PDA full council packet and not approved by vote yet. Joan will review those minutes and prepare a response.
 - Jerry agrees with David about interpretation, and states that he heard from large number of PDA council-people
 - Gordie clarifies Joan's point that Colleen Bowman had sent a letter specifically calling out Joan Paulson by name, and that email is filed in the office.
 - Mark says that in any of the podcast episodes we are featured on, to make a disclaimer that these are the personal opinions of the interviewee, not the organization. He states that Colleen is being groomed to chair the PDA council and this is why she sent a letter. He also states that the Podcast wants to feature him and he wants to be clear that he will voice his own opinions, not necessarily the opinion of the council. Expresses some concern that certain PDA council people behave coolly towards him. David voices his agreement with this point of Mark's, that we are not speaking on behalf of the constituency organization.
 - Jerry expresses agreement with Jerry and Mark.

- Gordie says he will speak with Jerry. He also has an invoice for \$500 so we can prepay for our 5 podcasts next year.
 - Nick agrees with self-contextualizing, but warns against trying to manage how the Podcast is introduced.
 - Laurie mentions a legal webinar that she had sent out to the Board and asks if she can send this link to our membership sooner than that. It is a free webinar. Webinar is about the effects of Covid and the election on Employment Law. Will touch on remote working, returning to work, how to handle employees who don't feel comfortable coming in to work.
 - Lisa says that this is reminiscent of the podcast question. As the Constituency sending it out, we would need to clarify that this is not our event nor does it reflect our attitudes
 - Nick says that if it was properly framed as a 'we thought you might be interested in this', it would not be unreasonable
 - Joan says that PDA Annual meeting (4 hrs) will be December 17. She says we need to get people involved and coming to that meeting.
 - Discussion of November/December meetings
 - Gordie states that there is a precedent of not having a GA meeting in December.
 - We decide to keep the GA on Nov 17, and will have to take a vote to reschedule the ExCom to Nov 19
 - Regarding December, Gordie suggests we cancel the GA in December and just have the ExCom on the 17th (one week early). David and Jerry concur.
 - Question about whether we need to vote on these.
 - **Motion – Nick moves to 1) reschedule November Excom to Nov 19, cancel the December GA and reschedule ExCom to Dec 17**
 - **Laurie Seconds**
 - **Approved by Acclimation.**
 - Lisa requests information of our PDA reps, with the interest of sharing some notes regarding the waterfront proposal discussed at today's Full Council meeting. She expresses surprise with a number of the features that had been discussed since her time at the MHC. She would like to provide our reps with a shopping list of questions/opinions
 - David points out that if she sends this email to more than a few people it could constitute a meeting under the Open Public Meetings Act.
 - Joan clarifies that if it is more than 2 people it gets tricky. Also mentions that in the Pike/Pine Renaissance project there is a proposal for elm trees at 1st and pike as opposed to the historical cherry trees, which will impede the views to the market.
 - Nick suggests Lisa sending this list of questions out to our membership in our newsletter. Laurie says she can write an article about the waterfront/aquarium project which would be buttressed by Lisa's list of questions.
- Agenda for upcoming GA
 - Laurie suggests that once the minutes are approved we should delete the recordings.
- Adjourn 7:02pm