# CONSTITUENCY SPECIAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30th, 6-8 PM

- Vice Chair calls the meeting to order.
  - Roll Call: Haley Land (Vice Chair)
  - Adora Lopez, Skip Knox, Ruth Danner, Bob Messina, Colleen Bowman, Maha Jafarey, Cary Moon, Karl Andersson, Joe Read, Paul Neal, Brady Morrison, Bill Downs, Liz ???, Lori Brankey, Susanne Keller, Ali Mowry, Rod ???, Clint ???, Leanne ????, Devin McComb, Jerry Baroh, Russell Monroe, one unnamed member

### Approval of agenda

Approved by acclamation

#### **Approval of minutes**

Not enough officers present.

#### **Public comment**

Ruth Danner asks what the bylaws say about a quorum. She also asks when the Constituency will be able to discuss her concerns regarding the election detailed in her letter dated September 29.

Haley says that a quorum for the Executive Committee is 10 members.

Russell says the meeting can continue but no votes can be taken without a quorum.

Skip says that without a quorum, a meeting can continue when there is an "important opportunity" that may be lost and those present act at their own risk in hopes that their actions will be ratified at a future meeting. He says he is quoting from the 9<sup>th</sup> edition of Robert's Rules of Order. The only action that can be taken is to adjourn the meeting.

#### **Statement of Correction**

Haley explains that the "Statement of Correction" was sent out anonymously to all Constituency members soon after the completion of the election.

Haley says, I have no problem with the substance of the Statement of Correction. My concern is for the process of sending out written notices on Constituency letterhead without a signatory and without the knowledge of the secretary. We just cannot do things this way, he says.

Russell says this is a serious transgression. It's unbelievable, and the executives involved should resign.

Jerry Baroh mentions that this has happened before by certain individuals. It should not be done.

Haley sent out his message to make it clear that a message sent out by Mark Brady for his

re-election was not an official endorsement of his candidacy even though it looked like it came from the Constituency. The Statement of Correction took issue with some points raised in Haley's email.

Ruth Danner says that the topic on the table does not rise to the level of an emergency and since none of the parties with direct knowledge are present, discussion should be tabled.

Haley concurs and the meeting moves to the next agenda topic.

## **Sept Constituency Election Report**

Haley says the Sept Constituency Election Report was given earlier today at the PDA council meeting. It covered the whole scope of the election starting with the August Exec Comm meeting where Election Guidelines were approved, election preparation, auditor meetings, checking through emails that bounced back. At the election, 254 votes were counted: 75 were in person and the remainder via Election Runner.

He says the results were that Russell Monroe was elected to the PDA Council seat; Adora Lopez won the chair as a write-in candidate; there were also write-in votes for Mark Brady; Jerry Baroh won the election for vice chair; Bruce Rutledge won the election for secretary treasurer; Officer at large No. 1 was won by Joan Paulson in a close election with write-in votes for Adora Lopez. And David Ott was elected to Officer at large No. 2.

Haley says there were no questions raised about the validity of the vote. He said that on Tuesday he and Nick Setten had the Election Runner password...there were no issues except a few snags with Election Runner invitations on Tuesday, and a few cases where members' emails weren't listed on their registration forms. The team worked to allow everyone to vote and to count every vote.

Ruth Danner mentions her email of 9/29 raising questions about the election, She says she wants to raise questions about Cary Moon's involvement in deference to her. She mentions that this meeting should be adjourned if we are following the rules. She refers to the motion on 7/19 when members agreed to delay the election, contending that it was illegal because we didn't have a concurrency as called for in the PDA charter. She says that all of her concerns are outlined in her letter, and she has received compelling arguments from the other side. She asks about Cary Moon's involvement. Was she present during the vote tally? Ruth is concerned about Election Runner. She contends that she got no evidence that the count ticked up by one for my candidates.

Skip says this discussion should wait until the audit report is submitted.

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Meeting adjourns at 8:11pm.