

**CONSTITUENCY GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 17th, 6-8 PM**

- Secretary calls the meeting to order at 6:06
  - Roll Call: Haley Land (Chair), Bruce Rutledge (Secretary), Zack Gebrekidan, Nick Setten, Mark Brady, David Ghodoussi, Joan Paulson, Gordie McIntyre
  - Ann Huston, Christine Vaughan, Ray Ishii, Bob Messina, Bill Downs, Joe Reed, Colleen Bowman, Adora Lopez, Lori Ramkey, Carol Binder, Ruth Danner, Russell Monroe, David Ott, Skip Knox, Susanne Keller

Haley asks for approval of the agenda.

After discussion, Cary Moon as auditor, the audit itself, and upcoming election are added to agenda.

- 6:05 p.m. Approval of agenda
- 6:05 p.m. Approval of minutes
- 6:10 p.m. Public comments
- 6:15 pm Cary Moon update
- 6:25 p.m. Audit update
- 6:35 pm Website update
- 7:00 p.m. Election update
- 7:30 p.m. Committee reports
- 7:55 p.m. Public comment
- 8:00 p.m. Adjourn meeting

**Agenda approved by acclamation.**

**Minutes**

Christine hasn't seen them.

Nick asks how to send out minutes.

In the June GA minutes, Kate King should not be listed as an official from Election Runner but as a volunteer.

Christine asks to attach minutes to meeting announcements via email.

**Public Comment**

Ruth asks, When can we make comments in a meeting? Haley says general members can comment in different parts of the meeting.

Ruth has a followup question of whether comments at the end of the meeting are included in minutes.

Yes, they should be: Haley.

Colleen reminds everyone that general assembly meeting members can speak.

**Cary Moon update**

Haley explains the process to find an auditor. Bruce recommended her. Cary ran against Jenny Durkan in the 2017 mayoral election. Used to work here, shops here, lives near the Market. Haley says everyone is on same page about the mission.

Nick thanks Colleen and Haley for all the work and Bruce for recommending Cary.

Resolution about third party auditor is read. Kind of ambiguous but can live with it.

Ruth Danner: No objection to Cary Moon as auditor. Concern about vote. Was it 24-12 or 23-13 or who knows what? Did it change or attempt to change how the Constituency works?

Nick asks what vote she is referring to.

Ruth says she is talking about vote that was 24-12. Was surprised she was allowed to vote. The 24-12 vote needed a 2/3 majority. She mentions the 10% rule.

### **Audit Update**

Haley, audit comprised of three parts. Making sure the membership list is as correct as it can be. Corrected 15 of incorrect 17.

The election will be two hours on a Tuesday and eight hours on a Friday. He hopes the decision is made today on dates.

The last part of audit is making a report.

Nick thanks Haley for his work.

Carol Binder asked if Cary was involved in the first part of making the list accurate.

Colleen says Cary will be consulted to make sure it is done correctly.

Carol says she's an auditor and this is not really an audit. It's more like administrative double checking.

Adora says there are dates when she is unavailable in August. Wants to make sure she has enough time to get volunteers together.

Bob doesn't think dates should be set for the election until the audit is done. Asks if there is a protocol for registering new members and filing the cards. Need two people to check. How will we make it failsafe?

Haley responds: Second part of audit is observing the election, so we need to hold the election before the audit can be finished. Issues such as registration cards should be in the audit report.

Christine hopes the audit committee comes up with specific recommendations at the end for the list and the election.

Colleen thanks Bob. Will keep his comments in mind as they go through the chat.

Skip asks for roll call. Bruce announces those who are present.

### **Website update**

Bruce gives an update about the website.

Bob Messina says this is a time-consuming task and needs to be a paid position.

Nick thanks Bruce for doing the impossible and cutting through Gordian Knot. He says he is willing to help. The previous webmaster did wonderful work for the Constituency. It's a super-useful tool. Many thanks to her.

Skip asks speakers to identify themselves.

Adora thanks Bruce and says she is willing to volunteer and help out.

Joan welcomes assistance at PDA to find out what we have spent as the Constituency and to get a higher level of understanding of our budget. The previous webmaster worked for us for nine years. The PDA doesn't even mention the Constituency.

Nick says a good chunk of cash was spent on legal opinions earlier in the year.

Mark says he steered the previous webmaster to Bruce.

Adora asks if we have to send all the election material again. Also asks for more inclusive language, not say "manpower."

David says he believes the C budget for legal is about \$500 and we can't spend more than that.

### **Election update**

Colleen and Haley sent recommendations for dates.

Carol Binder says not enough time to mail out notices for a Tuesday election.

Nick suggests election be held at the September general assembly and the subsequent Friday. We stepped outside of the bylaws when we postponed the election. We need to allow enough time for a successful election. Take 15 days to prepare and inform those who receive mail.

Christine says there is value in consistency. Holding vote at GA meeting is about the only consistent thing left!

Bob joins Carol, Nick, and Christine leaning toward later in September. When will the next audit report be done?

Nick asks if September is too soon? We pressed the pause button, and now we can de-press it.

Haley says we don't need as much time as we would starting from scratch.

Russell agrees with others about dates, says mailing could be simplified and sent out quickly.

Christine asks if audit committee has looked at election procedures in place in July?

Haley says no.

Colleen suggests using the language of "tentatively scheduled" and "pending the audit."

Haley says he is not sure how long Cary is available.

Adora asks when the membership list would be good to go.

Colleen says they set a target date of August 20 for the list to be finalized. We could have a roster list in the next week.

Adora says we should finalize the list before we do anything else for the election.

Ruth asks about the coordination. Says she is with Adora.

**081721a--Christine moves that the Constituency tentatively schedule the 2021 election for Tuesday, September 21<sup>st</sup> and Friday, September 24<sup>th</sup> pending a final recommendation of the audit committee with a provision that a special meeting would be called if necessary to review any problems the audit committee finds.**

Russell seconds.

Skip says Christine hit it on the nailhead. He applauds her memory.

**Mark offers a friendly amendment that voting be conducted from 1-4 on Tuesday, go into recess from 4 to 6pm, then reconvene for a general meeting from 6-8, and resume voting on Friday 9 to 5.**

Christine accepts the friendly amendment.

Russell also accepts the friendly amendment.

Ruth asks to move the election to October.

Christine respectfully declines to accept the friendly amendment.

Colleen calls to Question

Vote to end discussion

David objects

End

Ruth N

Haley Y

Chri Y

Nick Y

Lori Y

Adra Y

Ann No

Colleen Y

Russell Y

David O Y

Susann Y

David No

Mark Yes  
Joan No  
Bob Yes  
Gordie Yes  
Joe No  
Skip Yes  
Bruce Yes

14-5 motion passes

A roll call vote on the motion is taken:

Ruth N  
Haley Y  
Christine Y  
Nick Y  
Lori Y  
Adora Y  
Ann No  
Colleen Y  
Russell Y  
David O Y  
Susann Y  
David Yes  
Mark Yes  
Joan No  
Bob Yes  
Gordie Yes  
Joe No  
Skip Yes  
Bruce Yes

15-4 motion passes

Colleen says audit committee should agree to either report to the Executive meeting or call a special meeting to discuss the membership list.

Christine says she would like to hear about the election procedure phase as well.

Skip moves that audit comm and election comm be directed to conduct their meetings by Zoom

No one seconds.

Skip drops it.

Russell says he sees where Skip is coming from, but Cary isn't probably going to find a glaring issue with the work you've done. Presenting at Exec committee should satisfy everyone.

Colleen says her idea is that the auditors would observe and recommend, not examine election procedures ahead of time.

Nick asks to postpone conversation about volunteers and council member reports to the exec committee meeting. General agreement.

**Public comment**

Gordie says the registration cards are the only legal part of the voting rolls, not the mailing list.

Nick says it is the Market's 114<sup>th</sup> birthday!

**Meeting adjourned at 9:08.**