

2024 BYLAWS AND RULES COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES JANUARY 18, 2024

Meeting called to order at 9:05 PM ET

MEMBERS	ALTERNATES	GUESTS
SYLVIA ARROWWOOD	DAVE ROBERSON (A2)	TRAVIS BOST
PAUL BRACCO	ROGER ROOTS (A4)	RICHARD BROWN
NICKOLAS CIESIELSKI	DEAN RODGERS (A6)	ADAM HAMAN
CARYN ANN HARLOS		GREG HERTZSCH
ROB LATHAM		JJ JACOBS
FRANK MARTIN		MARRION KAUFMAN
CHUCK MOULTON		KATE MORGAN
TOM ROWLETTE		LARRY SILVER
MIKE RUFO		JESSICA TEWKSBURY
MIKE SEEBECK		

PUBLIC COMMENT: Town Hall, January 11, not a formal meeting. Attendance not required. Summary-Notes will be forwarded to committee members in few days.

MINUTES APPROVAL: January 4, 2024 Minutes **APPROVED WITHOUT OBJECTION.**

BRACCO: Will do screen sharing to help out.

PROPOSAL SS-CUMULATIVE VOTING-RULE 8 ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND NATIONAL COMMITTEE-SPONSOR LATHAM

HARLOS: Depends on how restructuring proposal goes. May or may not use SS. Will ask committee for a little bit of judgment call. If denied, will be no hard feelings. Proposal SS may or may not be used. No motion on floor. This is pre-discussion.

DEBATE PRE-MOTION ON PROPOSAL SS AND PROPOSAL RR

LATHAM: Move to add RULE 8 language from RR into SS. Then move the entire SS.

HARLOS: Add cumulative voting to ARTICLE 15, Section 1 and make same changes to RULE 8.2 which is already passed for restructuring proposal on Page 3 of Proposal SS.

DEBATE PRE-MOTION CONTINUED

HARLOS: Move the proviso. Debate limited to whether or not to add the proviso.
 “This amendment shall not go into effect until the adjournment sine die at the

convention at which it is adopted.”

DEBATE AS TO PROVISIO

HARLOS: Withdraw my proviso. Proviso already included. We can smooth out wording in report if needed. Language is best to be the same whether we settle on “adjournment sine die” or “final adjournment”. Committee will make final decision.

PROVISIO MOVED BY HARLOS WITHDRAWN.

HARLOS: To amend ARTICLE 15, Section 1. to add at the end of the sentence or cumulative voting. Then at very bottom to amend RULE 8.2 which is exactly how it is in Proposal RR with the proviso. Going to ask: Is there any objection to adopting Proposal SS? (No Response) **PROPOSAL SS ADOPTED WITHOUT OBJECTION.**

PROPOSAL TT – Second Part – ARTICLE 10 -CONVENTIONS

HARLOS: Proposal TT- We passed the first part of TT. We passed the first sentence. It is only the second part of TT. Where we left off is 4.b. The National Committee Secretary shall make a count of the sustaining members qualified under the requirements set forth here and shall . . . Then the second sentence The National Committee shall notify the count and computation by a roll call vote. I had some language –

LATHAM: Did put an amendment in the list on January 10. Changes ~~who~~ to which then adding commas to set apart a phrase. Change ~~its~~ to the.

DEBATE AS TO AMENDMENT OF PROPOSAL TT

LATHAM: Move to insert Any affiliate may challenge the allocations provided by the Secretary within 30 days of receipt to the National Committee, which may amend the official allocations within 30 days of such challenge or they are deemed ratified. Any National Committee shall ratify the ~~its~~ count and computation by a roll call vote.

DEBATE AS TO AMENDMENT TO PROPOSAL TT

LATHAM: Call the question.

HARLOS: Any objection to striking the highlighted language and inserting the non-highlighted language? (No Response) **AMENDMENT ADOPTED WITHOUT OBJECTION.** We are on the main motion now. Is there any objection to insert that where we already adopted the first part? (No Response) **TT IS ADOPTED WITHOUT**

OBJECTION. The two divided parts are both adopted. We are at end of our proposals. Anyone including members may bring forth additional items. They have that right. We will start to refine our list.

Next meeting will be Thursday, February 1st. All proposal lists will be preliminary until we adopt our final list. Everyone should list their order and we will try to come up with a consensus. We can probably come to an agreement on most and we have to do a ballot on some of the more contentious ones. We could do that over email. Once we have an order that we have all kind of settled on, most likely we will be able to present 15 to 18 proposals. Perhaps we could send out a survey of say five proposals and then send out another five – have to clear with the chair first – we might tweak our order depending upon the responses we get from our surveys. There are some that will relate to others. We must present in an order that makes sense to the delegates. Combining like proposals can be part of ordering.

LATHAM: What are chances of getting more time? Would like us to get more time.

HARLOS: None. If we were to get rid of regionals, we won't need regional caucuses. Will talk to convention committee about more time, perhaps on Monday. It is a big ask to ask people to stay later. Could be possible but doubt we will get extra time. If members feel strongly about more time, suggest you contact the CoC.

Over next two weeks please look over carefully our proposals. Will send info for Chair's order proposal so you can look that over as well as how to handle overlapping proposals. Will forward you SS and TT, last two proposals, in WORD format. There were a few typos in the last Town Hall report that were not caught. Will correct and send along to you with SS and TT. Next meeting is in two weeks on February 1st. We can wait on the provisos. Best to do that when we are closer to a final report. Is there any further business? (No Response) We are ending about 40 minutes early.
Adjourned at 10:25 PM ET

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