BYLAWS AND RULES COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES December 21, 2023

Meeting called to order at 9:05 PM ET

MEMBERS	ALTERNATIVES	GUESTS
SYLVIA ARROWWOOD		JJ JACOBS
PAUL BRACCO		MARRION KAUFMAN
NICKOLAS CIESIELSKI		LARRY SILVER
CARYN ANN HARLOS		JESSICA TEWKSBURY
ROB LATHAM		
FRANK MARTIN		
DAVID ROBERSON (A2)		
TOM ROWLETTE		
RODGER ROOTS (A4)		
MIKE SEEBECK		

Absent: MOULMAN, RUFO

MINUTES APPROVAL: December 14, 2023 Pending typos **APPROVED WITHOUT OBJECTION.** November 30, 2023 **APPROVED WITHOUT OBJECTION.**

PUBLIC COMMENT: ——**HARLOS:** Town Hall January 11. Will be meeting every Thursday until we get through the proposals as agreed at last meeting. Any further Public Comment from anyone? (No Response)

HARLOS: First up is MM(a) and MM(b).

PROPOSAL MM(a) SUCCESSION ARITCLE 6 OFFICERS

HARLOS: Wish to add ~~a~~ **at which their successors are elected.** before the last sentence and also to the JC. Am moving these as they are written.

DEBATE AS TO AMENDMENT TO INSERT TO 6 OFFICERS AND 8 JC

BRACCO: JC. Last sentence "Should all JC positions be vacant o~~f~~r **if no JC elections were held at the immediately pr**e**ceding regular non-presidential convention,** and then the second part is to strike ~~may fill such vacancies.~~

HARLOS: No idea what you just said.

BRACCO: Second part says "may hold JC election~~ss~~"." The~~y~~is would replace "may fill such vacacancies". So strike ~~may fill such vacancies~~ and replace with **may hold JC elections.** It keeps the Chair's language.

HARLOS: So it would say "if no JC election were held at the immediatly preceding regular non-presidential convention, an intervening convention may hold a JC election". ~~t~~There is precendent for all of those words. ****31:17***

DEBATE AS TO BRACCO AMENDMENT

HARLOS: From this point forward, no one will be allowed into the meeting unless let in by me. Those seeking to enter that are not recognized can wait in waiting room. ****36:29****

DEBATE CONTINUED TO BRACCO AMENDMENT

HARLOS: Roll Call Vote. Yes Vote would adopt this amendment. Amendment is to add in words in yellow <mark>or if no JC election were held at the immediately preceding regular non-presidential convention an intervening convention may hold a JC election.</mark> And to delete the words in green <mark style="background:lime">fill such vacancies</mark>.

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ARROWWOOD	NO
BRACCO	YES
CIESIELSKI	ABSTAIN
HARLOS	ABSTAIN
LATHAM	NO
MARTIN	NO
ROBERSON (A2)	YES
ROWLETTE	NO
ROOTS (A4)	NO
SEEBECK	NO

FAILED   VOTE 2-6-2 **46:23***

HARLOS: Back to main amendment which is adding at the end of each of these **at which their successors are elected.** to provide that the Party does not implode. No matter what happens the Party will still survive.

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DEBATE ON MM(a)

LATHAM: Motion~~.~~ to amend. Leave language in 6 and strike it out of 7 and leave language as it already exits and same thing for 8. (**at which their successors are elected.**)

DEBATE AS TO AMENDMENT

HARLOS: Move to strike the strike from the JC ~~(8)~~. It's got to stay in there to protect Party members.

DEBATE AS TO AMENDMENT TO STRIKE FROM AMENDMENT

LATHAM: Withdraw 8 JC from my amendment.

HARLOS: Any objection to LATHAM moving to strike the strike which would leave in that portion in the JC section? Strike from JC but leave in LNC. It is amending LATHAM'S amendment.

DEBATE AS TO STRIKE 7 AND NOT 8 FROM AMENDMENT

MOULTON PRESENT AND ROBERSON TO REPLACE ROOTS AT 10:20 PM

HARLOS: Any objection to that? (No Response) **ADOPTED WITHOUT OBJECTION**.   Back on main amendment which is to strike it from 7. My whole purpose is to avoid an implosion. That's the only purpose.

DEBATE ON MAIN AMENDMENT

HARLOS: Move to postpone the entire matter indefinitely which if no one moves to bring back up, it kills it. Is there any objection to postponing this indefinitely? (No Response) **MM(a) POSTPONED INDEFINITELY**.****124:22*****

HARLOS: MM(b) Deals with checkouts**.**

DEBATE AS TO CHECKOUTS RELATED TO QUORUM

MOULTON: Amendent to change the number of ~~40%~~ to **30%**.

HARLOS: RONR at 3:4 states the majority of the registrants registered at the convention as attendees, "irrespective of whether some may have departed." And you can find almost exact quote in three other places. What changes in our bylaws is it changes from a majority to 40%. Does not change "irrespective of whether some may have departed." That's the same.

DEBATE AS TO AMENDMENT TO CHANGE 40 TO 30 PERCENT

MOULTON: And move to lower numerator to help maintain quorum. Don't want to make it harder for us to conduct business. We can keep number at 40% if we don't let people checkout. Quorum gets harder and harder to achieve as you get into the convention. It will never get easier. People leave.

HARLOS: Does anyone wish to speak to MOULTON'S amendment?

DEBATE CONTINUED AS TO AMENDMENT TO CHANGE 40 TO 30 PERCENT

ROWLETTE: If MOULTO~~MN~~'S motion fails, will motion to – and don't think changing the maximum changes the ambiguity -- put in a comma after the word "total" or "maximum" and insert either the words **including those who have checked out** or not including those

words. That way you have used the words "checked out". There goes all the ambiguity~~,~~. There is or there is not checkout.

DEBATE CONTINUED AS TO AMEDMENT TO CHANGE 40 TO 30 PERCENT

MOULTON: Ask the body permission to withdraw my amendment**.**

HARLOS: Does anyone object to MOULTON'S motion who wishes to withdraw his motion? (No Response**) AMENDMENT OF MOULTON WITHDRAWN WITHOUT OBJECTION.**~~**154:08***~~

ROWLETTE: Substitute would be to keep the word "total" and forget "ma~~z~~ximum". At the end of the last sentence right before the period **, not including those who have checked out. "A quorum shall consist of 40% of the maximum number of delegates registered in attendance at the Convention, not including those who ha~~-~~ve checked out."**

DEBATE AS TO ROWLETTE SUBSTITUTE

MARTIN: Motion to adjourn**.**

HARLOS: Is there a motion to extend time? I~~f~~ there is not, we will automatically adjourn.

MOULTON: Move to extend by ten minutes.

HARLOS: Motion to extend for ten minutes. Is there any objection? ~~(No Response)~~ ~~MOTION TO EXTEND FOR TEN MINUTES ADOPTED~~.

MARTIN: Objection. ~~**220:41**~~

HARLOS: Yes Vote will extend time. No ~~v~~Vote would not extend time**.**

ARROWWOOD	YES	
BRACCO	YES	
CIESIELSKI	YES	
HARLOS	YES	
LATHAM	YES	
MARTIN	NO	
MOULTON	YES	
ROWLETTE	NO	
ROBERSON (A2)	YES	
SEEBECK	YES	**ADOPTED VOTE 8-2-0**

HARLOS: We have a substitute.

MOULTON: Offer another amendment. Would like to add **with the Credentials Committee.** This makes sense. The Credentials Committee is who needs to know these numbers so they can report to the convention.

DEBATE AS TO ADDING TO SUBSTITUTE

HARLOS: They have a choice to just go home without checking out if they wish to do that. Convention operates off of Credentials Committee's report. Is there any objection to MOULTON'S amendment to the substitute? (No response) **ADOPTED WITHOUT OBJECTION** as part of the substitute.

DEBATE CONTINUED AS TO SUBSTITUTE ****206:28*****

SEEBECK: Call for orders of the day.

HARLOS: Unless there is another extension, we will pick up where we leftave off. Let's see if there is an extension of time on this? (No Response) Hearing no extension of time, we are adjourned at 11:18 PM. We are meeting again next week, Thursday, December 28, 2023 at 9:00 PM ET.

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