

BYLAWS AND RULES COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES FEBRUARY 15, 2024

<u>MEMBERS</u>	<u>ALTERNATES</u>	<u>GUESTS</u>
SYLVIA ARROWOOD	DAVE ROBERSON (A2)	JACK BLUE
PAUL BRACCO	DATA LOGAN (A5)	TRAVIS BOST
NICHOLAS CIESIELSKI	DEAN RODGERS (A6)	GREG HERTZSCH
CARYN ANN HARLOS		SUSAN HOGARTH
ROB LATHAM		JJ JACOBS
FRANK MARTIN		MARRION KAUFMAN
CHUCK MOULTON		
TOM ROWLETTE		
MIKE RUFO		
MIKE SEEBECK		

Meeting called to order at 9:05 PM ET

PUBLIC COMMENT: JACOBS: Suspension of Cumulative Voting would take 7/8 of votes cast in its current form if adopted. “This rule cannot be suspended” should be stated in rule or better in Bylaws. Could amend an existing rule by a 2/3 vote. Changing a rule that cannot be suspended is known as “suspension paradox”.

HARLOS: Could consider tweaking later. This is safeguarding a form of cumulative voting. Majority could not change.

MINUTES APPROVAL: Corrected minutes of February 1, 2024 **MINUTES APPROVED WITHOUT OBJECTION.**

HARLOS: Second meeting comparison of ordering on screen. We now have 15, proposals. 18 gives us wiggle room if we want to go back.

EDITING COMPARISON OF ORDERING SCREEN

HARLOS: First, do we want to red line or yellow line cumulative voting? It is everybody’s 16. Also, do we want to bring back LL? Top four or five, want to get survey started. Discussing with the chair.

DEBATE AS TO YELLOW OR RED LINE CUMULATIVE VOTING.

HARLOS: Motion to yellow line SS -- WITHDRAWN TEMPORARILY.

DEBATE AS TO SS CUMULATIVE VOTING

HARLOS: Remake Motion to yellow line SS.

FURTHER DEBATE AS TO SS YELLOW LINE SS

HARLOS: Any objection to yellow lining SS? (No Response) **SS YELLOW LINED WITHOUT OBJECTION.**

DEBATE AS TO AVERAGE AND MEDIAN

BRACCO: Move we rank H first and J second.

SEEBECK: Is it in order to extend to first six?

HARLOS: Yes.

SEEBECK: Move to Amend list top six currently listed as first six of report. (H, J, M/K ULTRA, N, RR, EE)

DEBATE AS TO AMEND TO LIST TOP SIX H, J, M/K ULTRA, N, RR, EE.

HARLOS: Amendment to add M/K ULTRA, N, RR, EE to Motion to rank H and J as first and second. Any objection to SEEBECK'S amendment?(No Response)**ADOPTED MOTION TO ADD M/K ULTRA, N, RR, EE.**

HARLOS: Any objection to the Main Motion as Amended to list top six? (No Response) **MOTION TO LIST TOP SIX ADOPTED WITHOUT OBJECTION.** We have our top six.

BREAK TAKEN TO ALLOW FOR RENUMBERING 1 THROUGH 9 AND DEBATE

BRACCO: Move to increase dues to 7th.

RUFO: Motion to Amend B-dues as 7 and add S-one payment as 8. Logical and logistical sense to do that way.

DEBATE AS TO 7.

BRACCO: Motion we do Dues as 7. Increase Dues as 7.

HARLOS: RUFO has motion to make dues 7 and one payment S as 8.

DEBATE AS 7-DUES INCREASE AND 8 ONE PAYMENT.

HARLOS: Motion by RUFO to make dues 7 and one payment 8. Is there any objection? (No Response) **MOTION TO MAKE DUES B 7 AND S ONE PAYMENT 8 ADOPTED.**

HARLOS: Reconsideration could be raised or we could rearrange the order. Hopefully not. Amendments would be productive if we forget something. Do we want to remove D and S from screen and do another internal renumbering or go to LATHAM'S motion?

DEBATE

BRACCO: Motion to remove D and S from screen and do reordering (Assumed by Chair. Agreed to by BRACCO).

LATHAM: Satisfied as currently ranked on averages. Okay with taking O and F after that. Do not feel need to reorder. Motion to take rest on the average.

DEBATE AS TO REORDERING AND TO TAKE BY AVERAGING

HARLOS: Anyone wish to object to BRACCO'S Motion to remove D and S from screen and reorder?

DEBATE

BRACCO: Wish to Withdraw my motion.

HARLOS: Any objection to BRACCO withdrawing his motion? (No Response) **BRACCO MOTION TO REMOVE D AND S FROM SCREEN AND REORDER WITHDRAWN.**

LATHAM: Move we take remaining proposals on screen in their current order. (O, F, R, P1, QQ, LL, MM). Have ventilated that pretty good.

HARLOS: Any objection? (No Response) **ADOPTED PROPOSALS O, F, R, P1, QQ, LL, MM RANKED IN CURRENT ORDER.**

Suggest now sending out first six in survey. Will continue to work to refine. Let's straighten out proviso language if there is any. Is that acceptable to everyone?

DEBATE

DONATION TO USE SURVEY MONEY MOULTON-\$100, HARLOS-25. OTHERS INVITED TO HELP OUT.

RR, should it say "Final Adjournment" or Sine Die?

DEBATE

BRACCO: RR Proviso was struck.

HARLOS: O was a little different. Most take effect upon Final Adjournment at which adopted and which is similar language as in each of these others. Is it your intention wherever it says upon "Adjournment Sine Die", you would like it to say "Final Adjournment"?

ROWLETTE: That is my motion. If members prefer "Sine Die", let' use "Sine Die" where it says "Final Adjournment;"; but have it be one way or other.

HARLOS: Will vote for either Final Adjournment or Sine Die. Any debate? It's open for debate.

DEBATE

ARROWWOOD	FINAL ADJOURNMENT
BRACCO	SINE DIE
CIESIELSKI	SINE DIE
HARLOS	SINE DIE
LATHAM	ABSTAIN
MARTIN	SINE DIE
MOULTON	FINAL ADJOURNMENT
ROWLETTE	FINAL ADJOURNMENT
RUFO	SINE DIE
SEEBECK	SINE DIE

VOTE ADOPTED SINE DIE-6, FINAL ADJOURNMENT-3, ABSTAIN-1

HARLOS: Will adjust language to conform. ROWLETTE had discussion with a member as to language involving affiliate disputes. We might discuss informally and maybe take a vote at next meeting. Do you so recall?

ROWLETTE: Yes I remember. Would prefer to put it off to next meeting. Perhaps survey should go out first and we could get feedback. Will know better what to do in couple weeks if want to do anything.

HARLOS: Are we good with two weeks? I'm going to try within two weeks to get a survey out. Will keep you posted on Bylaws List how that is going. One of things we need to decide now is our rationale. We could do three surveys through March. That would give Chair more time Directed to LATHAM: If I get you a draft report that has everything in order that we passed with the rationales we have been using at Town Halls, if I get that to you this weekend, do you think Rationale Subcommittee could work on their own however you choose, can do the first six if not all 15, before next meeting and we could pass them or at least the first six?

LATHAM: Don't doubt capabilities of MOULTON and BRACCO also on the committee. Have attempted to reach out to both of them with some shared documents. Haven't gotten any feedback yet. Haven't determined or asked if they are getting them. May be going to spam. It's easy to edit a document by yourself. Drafting by committee is more involved. Certainly want committee members to participate. Will check with them to see when they are available.

MOULTON: Been holding off until we decide what is red lined and what's in the report. Now we know that. Have a lot of time this weekend. Will work on anything received this weekend.

BRACCO: Have to check my email. Probably shouldn't spend too much more time on this. Will follow up with both of you.

DEBATE AS TO RATINALES SUBCOMMITTEE

HARLOS: Leave up to you. Will get you a report by midday Saturday. You can run with it. If you come together on all, that's good but if with the first six, that's great too. Try to work out what we can over email and cover way we need to rework the e-ballot language since we dropped the balloting rewrite. Would suggest those two things be on our agenda in two weeks. Will let Chair know we want to send out survey in two weeks or as close as possible thereto.

Will not keep room open after adjournment tonight. If anyone wishes to add public comment, now is the opportunity.

CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENT: JACOBS: Posed link dealing with discipline in chat. It is not a simple process. Not supposed to be easy.

HARLOS: Several people have threatened lawsuits. Not something I've ever been in favor of. Believe that is the province of State Parties. Don't even like it in State Parties.

MOULTON: Not in favor of adding anything additional. We could look at yellows. This is a good report we have here. Should be able to get through it. Probably won't have much time after this but if we do, we should have some yellows on standby. We as a committee should give our Chair some discretion to read the room. My suggestion is to do what we did here for the yellows. If anyone feels a red should be yellow, they might make a case for that.

HARLOS: Will start a spreadsheet for that too. Our work up through Convention will be a lot of smoothing. Sometimes things come up from the floor. We are all pretty much in agreement that the sweet spot is between 15 and 18. Right now we're at 15. Anyone else like to speak in Public Comment? It's kind of a free-for-all.

MARTIN: Is it in order to move for early adjournment?

HARLOS: Certainly. If there is no other business, that would happen anyway. Seeing no one else really wants to comment, the meeting is adjourned at 10:49 PM ET.

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