

# Member Advisory Committee Meeting May 28, 2019

Notes by Daylin Baker

Members Present		Sallal
Stephen Kangas	Ann Reed	Ted Stonebridge (GM)
Ann Bailey	Larry Costello	Eric O'Brien (Board P)
Anne Herman	Lynn Marion	Daylin Baker (Board VP)
Andy Neff	Stefanie Hawks-Johnson	
Rich Formisano		
Jean Buckner		

## Discussion on Norms for this committee

- Ann introduced norms.
- Jean suggested only stating facts, not as opinion or conjecture. Stating your position/vested interests. Put your agenda on the table. State as opinion if it's an opinion, not as a fact.
- Stephen and Rich debated whether all of this was covered in "Respect/Civility".
- Stephen said integrity is not following through. Lynn said honesty is a synonym for integrity.
- Stephen said "be succinct" can be paired with "efficiency". "Succinct" should be part of "efficiency".
- Larry said "focus" and "set priorities" can be paired. "Focus" should go under "priorities".
- Jean suggested "Think Critically" could be eliminated, as well as "Innovative".
- Jean said to add to "participate effectively" that we will propose solutions.
- Daylin said merge all three (be prepared, participate effectively, seek efficiency)
- Anne proposed "confidential" instead of "discretion".
- Jean said she did not want to be bound by confidentiality.
- Stephen gave the suggestion that we must label our statements as confidential.
- Larry suggested that we figure out our charter before we decide on "confidential".

## Discussion on Charter as straw dog

- Jean said we must define "facts" as fundamental to groups purpose.
- Larry suggested we add "resolving water rights and water supply issues" to section ii. Also, add that the committee's purpose should be to support the Association's mission. After some discussion, it was generally recognized that the Association has not established a formal mission statement. The committee will consider creating one for presentation to the board
- Stephen suggested we add "support longevity of Assoc" to section ii and add more tasks to support purpose in section ii.
- Rich suggested creating subtasks of the higher-level purposes, such as conducting regular reviews of articles, bylaws, rules – see if anything needs to be revised. Then make those recommendations to the board.
- Anne suggested we develop criteria for resolving disputes of "facts".
- Lynn said that a review of the associations mission will help us.

- Rich suggested we could assist in reviewing changes to water system plan. We could review other changes to Assoc docs such as rules/regs and bylaw amendment. That a term of 2 years for serving would be appropriate. That guests should be by invitation only.
- Stephen suggested we review membership criteria.
- Ann B. restated Jean's desire to define facts. Expressed concern about confidentiality, not gossip, but be open about what we hear. Don't quote other people without confirming it with them.
- Jean wants minutes soon. Wants to be able to speak about what was said, based on minutes.
- Rich pointed out that Minutes are addressed in the draft charter, but we need to agree who, when, who they go to, what review process, does board need to process, etc.
- Eric discussed the origin of group – as what Jean said. Then explained that the board heard about it and was concerned about one group having access to the GM/board members. Board wanted to hear from broad range of groups, cross-section of members. In charter it says members can put out why board did what we did, if they want, not a requirement. That the board could have used an advisory board sooner. They would appreciate feedback on procedures.
- Ann B suggested we add water supply, availability & quality to section ii.
- Anne H suggested we define actions that could get members removed from committee.

#### Procedure to handle and secure member ballots for special meeting

- Ted explained procedure that has always been used. Clarified each member only gets one vote.
- Rich suggested having an election committee that is responsible for collecting votes, securing them with office manager. All ballots need to be verified. Then counted and tallied. Deciding if any are invalid.
- Stephen added that we use a list of membership, verify against list. Check off to ensure no one votes twice.
- Rich suggested GM, board member, advisory committee member, plus one person from the audience.
- Andy suggested hiring a vendor to handle this vote-counting part.
- Stefanie asked how we ensure that everyone got the ballot. Said she hasn't gotten her ballot.
- Eric explained ballots are available at the meeting.
- Jean asked Andy to give us names of companies that will run the vote.
- Eric said board would be willing – but we only have 11 days left. We should consider it for the future. That procedure has been that board members have to decide on "bad ballots". Agreed with having lawyer advise.
- Stefanie said ask the specific members if there is confusion on their ballot.
- Stephen said have observers, this is what King County does.
- Daylin suggested board and Anne could oversee any "bad ballots" with Mary. Broader group could review clear ballot counts.
- Andy explained his experience with securing election processes, and he cautioned that it's easy to make mistakes.

- Ted asked if everyone was good with the plan. Several nods, no objections.
- Group was giving recommendation to have consultant manage votes in the future.
- Anne H. asked about process for comments at the meeting.
- Eric said they will take turns responding to questions until the asker is satisfied and both sides have had their say.
- Rich clarified that a “last call” will be made for final votes.

### Topics for June newsletter

Andy suggested that the result of vote can be posted to website – bills going out around June 1 could include directions to go to the website for results of election, and that the Newsletter will also say “go here for most current update on vote”.

- Rich – suggested that we share story about advisory committee in newsletter. Group suggested waiting until the next month – July.
- Interviews of Sallal founder members/family could be half page of newsletter.
- Provide any updates on UTRC process.
- If retractions were to occur, Jean wants them in the newsletter.
- Jean suggested announcing applicants for board position. Rich and Eric did not support this idea. Ted said applicants have not responded to request for sharing their bios with members.
- Daylin suggested updates on security upgrades on Terrell tank.

### Roundtable

- Jean read her objections to language in the boards position paper and rebutted specific points.
- Eric said we’d bring it up at the next board meeting.
- Anne added that she talked to Mark Rigos who told her “they were intending” to take over Sallal and has several attorney’s ready to do it. Mark admitted he wants our mitigation water – “not fair” that they must mitigate, and we don’t.
- Anne referenced her conversation with Brian Derdowski and that he said that “interlocking” agreements with City makes us more at risk of takeover because it looks like we are already in partnership.
- Stephen asked Anne to provide Brian Derdowski’s contact info to verify what he told Anne.

### Advice/Suggestions for the Board that came out of this session:

- 1) Use a consultant for votes in the future.
- 2) Posting the results of the vote to website ASAP, and bills going out after vote could include directions to go to the website for results of election.

We decided to skip June due to the special meeting and set the next meeting for July 9th from 4-6 p.m. but will hold future meetings on the second Tuesday of every month.