

AUGUST 29 BOARD MEETING NOTES

1. Welcome

In attendance: AM, EQ, TC, BS, SR

Absent: ZM (unexcused), MM (unexcused)

2. Approval of June Board Meeting Notes [below] [EQ]

Motion to approve by EQ seconded by TC, approved

3. Treasurer's Report [TC]

--- FY2022 financial report

Spent less than we took in

Market was down, but expected to recover

Motion to approve financial report, with a friendly amendment to specify information on donations by our two largest donors (DDG, Calyx), moved by AM, seconded by EQ. Motion approved unanimously

--- Coinbase account setup update

TC aims to open account by October/November

--- Schedule to discuss budget for FY2023

After TC returns from September trip, TC and AM will draft a budget to present at October meeting

4. Bylaws proposal [AM]

--- Proposed revision of bylaws language to prohibit suspended Board members from running for election (5 votes needed to approve)

----- Two proposed changes:

----- Standing Rule 3.6 to be revised as follows:

----- current text: "(i) Serving in an elected position of leadership for RT4, or as an interim holder of an elected office for RT4, is a privilege that may be lost by violating the following affirmative standards of conduct. [...]

(c) Refusal or inability to discharge the obligations of the elected position, including reasonable attendance at meetings of elected officers."

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(c) Refusal to discharge the obligations of the elected position, including reasonable attendance at meetings of elected officers.

(ii) If a Board member experiences life issues that make them willing but unable to discharge the obligations of the elected position, including reasonable attendance at meetings of elected officers, they may be suspended for a specific period from the Board, through mutual agreement between the Board member and the National Chair. A Board member so suspended shall not be permanently suspended, unless for a violation of another of the Standards of Conduct listed above. No temporary suspension shall extend beyond the date of the next Board election."

----- Standing Rule 7.3(iii) to be revised as follows:

----- current text: "Only members of RT4 in good standing as of March 15 of the year in which the election is to be held, shall be eligible to stand as a candidate for the Board." I propose an amendment such that it would read as follows, "

----- proposed text: "Only members of RT4 in good standing as of March 15 of the year in which the election is to be held, who have not previous to that date been permanently suspended from the Board, shall be eligible to stand as a candidate for the Board."

Motion to approve by EQ, seconded by AM, motion receives all 5 votes of those present, and therefore passes

8. Communications Chair's Report [SR]

--- Decision on whether SR can serve as interim Program Associate until new Program Associate is hired

--- If so, decision on whether SR should step down as Communications Chair until new Program Associate is hired

BS moves that we take out a single month's subscription to GuideStar, of which BS will cover 50% of the cost personally, to assess a fair hourly wage for the position. Once that assessment is done, the Board would support hiring SR on an interim basis as Program Associate, while AM runs a public search for a permanent Program Associate. While serving as an interim Program Associate, SR will temporarily step down as Communications Chair and as a member of the Board. Motion seconded by TC, passes unanimously.

9. Recognizing that we were about to lose quorum, AM brought two items up the agenda: "Approvals of Coalition Letters" and "Scheduling next board meeting." Both items were approved unanimously, so the next board meeting is set for Monday Sept. 19.

10. Informational items deferred to September meeting:

--- "Unwarranted" newsletter

--- Next Communications Working Group meeting

--- Jetpack update problem

--- Trademark dispute update

--- Fundraising report

--- Litigation Working Group report

----- Leuthauser brief (filed June 8, previously circulated)

----- Rosenow brief (filed June 22, previously circulated)

----- Culley brief (work underway)

--- Legislative Working Group report (Deferred to Sept. meeting due to lack of quorum)

----- Meeting on Wednesday, considering the Fourth Amendment Restoration Act among other things

--- Issue briefs and blog posts

----- Shotspotter brief next

----- Some revisions to PDF versions of prior briefs

--- Chapter updates

----- Minnesota

----- Boston

----- Pennsylvania

----- Others

14. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by BS, seconded by AM. Meeting adjourned at 9:44pm Eastern

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Ed Quiggle, Jr., Secretary, Restore the Fourth