

HMC Bylaw Committee Notes

March 25, 2021

Video Conference

Carl, Scott, Stephanie, Jed, Steven, Kari (notes), Billy Donovan

Carl called the meeting to order at 5:32. He asked for community comments. Billy reiterated his concern that he has not received the information he requested Co-op attorneys opinions on the legality of member voting by teleconference.

Jed moved, Stephanie seconded and the committee approved the minutes from March 11.

Kari shared what the council is planning for getting new Council members up to speed on the proposed revisions over the next two months. Carl is willing to host a special Council meeting to support the process.

Jed shared observations about the VSECU annual meeting. Jed attended a webinar regarding hybrid meetings and took away that working with a production company may be necessary. Its important to consider how host to the two different audiences (remote and In Real Life). Its also important to think about how to provide interaction between the two groups. It was advised that to start by determining meeting objectives prior to considering technology. He will try to share a link to the webinar recording.

Steven is in favor of pre-recording informational pieces and sharing them with members ahead of time. Stephanie pointed out that the State is saying everyone who wants can be vaccinated by July so we should be able to offer a normal in-person meeting in September. Carl suggested the committee should revisit the question. He sees the hybrid as part of a natural progression of providing greater access to member meetings. The committee discussed arguments for and against planning for a hybrid meeting. Ensuring secure voting and good discussion will be key considerations.

Kari shared that staff have begun discussing the hybrid model. From a technical perspective, they are thinking of projecting a zoom meeting onto a large screen in a meeting room with the meeting room being one cell on the zoom screen. It seems important to work with an experienced consultant and/or facilitator to guide our planning. Carl has done a small version of that type of hybrid. One issue was having the camera in the IRL meeting room capture the full audience.

Stephanie shared that Sue drafted a spreadsheet and she would like to revise it prior to the committee working on it.

Stephanie shared that she is on the Council Communication Committee. They are working on ways for co-op members to communicate with each other, such as a letter to the editor section of the e-news.

There were no further community comments.

Adjourned at 6:30pm. Next meeting: April 8 at 5:30pm