

## Bylaws Committee Meeting Notes for 11 September 2004

Call to order at 2:00 PM 11 September 2004 in the S-T Muni Building.

Attendees: John Waters (chair), Louise Clark Stone (Board member), Mark Seigel

- 1) Reviewed proposals of last meeting
  - a) Change terms of Board members to 2 years
  - b) Stagger the terms of Board members with half elected each year
  - c) Change all instances of “district” in the bylaws, referring to the four geographical districts from which Board members are elected, to “region”
  - d) Add a line to the bylaws stating that all Board members, while elected to represent a particular district or interest, are nevertheless responsible to all of the stakeholders in the community.
  - e) Two other items were mentioned, but were not well enough understood by the committee members in attendance to discuss.
- 2) Discussed new proposals:
  - a) Require each Board member to be active in at least two committees
  - b) Reduce the number of Board members to 15 or some similar number
  - c) Hold Board elections in November to avoid bad weather and holidays
  - d) Find some mechanism for controlling the amount of time that people speak, over and above the current egg timer and gentle reminder approach
- 3) As a result of discussing these various proposals, the following action items were assigned:
  - a) Formulate a bylaws change to stagger the Board elections, so that each Board member serves a two year term, with half (or so) of the members elected at each election. The new language will have to go through the current Board, and DONE, and BONC for approval, all of which might require six months or more to accomplish, too late for this year’s election.
  - b) Formulate a bylaws change to replace instances of “district” with “region”. This new language will have to go through the current Board, and DONE, but probably not BONC.
  - c) Formulate a bylaws change to add a line stating that all Board members are responsible to all stakeholders, not just the ones in their particular region or interest group.