

MINUTES OF A BUSINESS MEETING OF THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE ART STUDENTS LEAGUE OF NEW YORK, HELD WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2020, PURSUANT TO NOTICE DULY GIVEN, VIA INTERNET TELECONFERENCE (ZOOM).

President Frank called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM, giving the floor to Vice President Charlotte Bialek, who then introduced the ballot measures to be voted upon, as follows:

VOTE 1 – Update the Meeting Schedule and Quorum Requirements

By-Law XI MEETINGS:

- 1) Correct the Business Meeting months to January, April and October
- 2) Set Board of Control meetings to 10 monthly meetings without specifying which months
- 3) Increase the threshold to call a Special Meeting to 100 active members

By-Law XIV QUORUM:

- 1) Clarify that a majority of the Board constitutes a quorum at Board of Control Meetings only
- 2) Increase quorum to 100, from 20, at Member Business Meetings, as required by law

VOTE 2 – Improve the Election Process

Amendment 28 to By-Law XII:

- 1) Delete electioneering clause
- 2) Increase the ballot statement word count limit to 200 from 50
- 3) Add that Board of Control members and candidates must be ASL members in good standing

VOTE 3 – Correct an Apparent Ambiguity in the By-Laws Amendment Process

By-Law XV AMENDMENTS:

Make By Laws amendable at the Annual Meeting as well as at Business Meetings.

Director of Special Projects Ken Park then discussed the balloting process.

Vice President Bialek projected on-screen the text of the amendments for the first vote and explained the wording and reasoning for amendment.

A motion to proceed with the first vote was duly made and seconded. Following a brief period of questions and answers, polling for the first vote took place.

Vice President Bialek then projected and read the text of the amendments for the second vote.

A motion to proceed with the second vote was duly made and seconded.

There followed a brief discussion, led by Instructor and Committee member John Varriano, regarding the history of Amendment 28.

Member George Nader asked about access to the members list. Committee member Joshua Nathan addressed the question of sharing members contact information, noting that an institution is required to protect that information and that new methods for communications among members could be implemented.

Member Andy Reiss read a prepared statement thanking the Board and the Constitution Committee's work, and discussed the right of all members of the community to voice their opinions.

Polling for the second vote then took place.

Vice President Bialek then projected and read the text of the amendment for the third vote.

A motion to proceed with the third vote was duly made and seconded.

Member Anita Pearl asked why changes to The League's Constitution and By-Laws needed to be proposed to the Board. Mr. Varriano explained that the Board acts as The League's governing body, elected by members.

Member Myrna Feitel commented on the efficacy of Zoom meetings for the membership.

Following a brief discussion regarding holding members meetings remotely, polling began for the third vote.

Provisional results of each vote were projected, and following the meeting were confirmed by independent vendor MK Elections as follows:

Vote One: 150 Yes; 10 No. Passed with 89% of 167 members present for the vote;

Vote Two: 138 Yes; 17 No. Passed with 85% of 163 members present for the vote;

Vote Three: 138 Yes; 6 No. Passed with 91% of 152 members present for the vote.

The meeting then proceeded to the normal agenda.

I. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the January 22, 2020, Business Meeting were read and approved without opposition.

II. Election of Members

The names of nominees were projected on-screen. Upon a motion duly made and seconded the nominees were approved for membership.

III. Deferred Business

There was no deferred business.

IV. New Business

President Robin Frank addressed the membership and provided a report on recent League activities, including:

- Work being done in The League building
- Upgrades to the HVAC system
- Exhibitions by The League, including works by Harvey Dinnerstein on LINEA, the annual Instructors Exhibition online, the curated Cinqué Exhibition next spring, and Exhibition Outreach currently at Brooklyn Bridge Park
- Registration and revenue figures
- Creation of an online teaching platform
- In-progress search for Artistic/Executive Director
- Upgrades to The League's website
- Seeds of the League

The floor was then opened for discussion.

Member Myrna Feitel asked about locker access. The process of reserving time slots for building access through Eventbrite was explained.

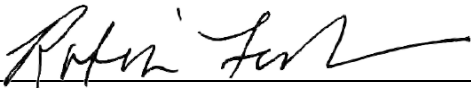
Member Ben Motola raised the issue of water damage to personal art supplies and materials in lockers. President Frank responded by stating that all claims would be reviewed.

Member George Nader asked Vice President Bialek to discuss his proposed “Meet the Candidates” amendment. Ms. Bialek stated that the “Meet the Candidates” events would become part of the annual election process.

Member Jaron Newton asked if The League would seek temporary space. President Frank discussed the possibility of swing space for The League, but noted that the Board was looking forward to receiving engineering reports that would guide plans for resuming classes in The League building.

Member Andy Reiss suggested holding a tech boot camp to assist members who need guidance with online classes and meetings.

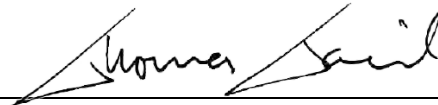
There being no further business, and upon a motion duly made and seconded, President Frank adjourned the meeting at 7:50 PM.



Robin Lechter Frank, President

10/14/2020

Date



Thomas Tacik, Staff Member (Taking Minutes)

10/14/2020

Date