

**MINUTES OF A BUSINESS MEETING OF THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE ART STUDENTS LEAGUE OF NEW YORK, HELD WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2021, PURSUANT TO NOTICE DULY GIVEN, VIA INTERNET TELECONFERENCE (ZOOM).**

President Frank called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM, welcomed Members and introduced members of the Board of Control.

**I. Reading of Minutes.**

This being the first Members Business meeting of the year, there were no minutes to be read.

**II. Election of Members.**

The name of a single nominee was projected on-screen. Upon a motion duly made and seconded the nominee was approved for membership.

**III. Deferred Business.**

There was no deferred business.

**IV. New Business.**

President Frank then provided a report on recent League activities, including:

- An announcement regarding registering for building visits through Eventbrite
- Update on lockers
- Installation of new phone system
- Review of photographs of damage to studios and subsequent renovations
- Gallery exhibition of works from the Permanent Collection
- Updates to The League’s Collection Policy

President Frank the invited Board Member Stephen Rosenthal to provide an update on HVAC maintenance, renovations, and upgrades.

Executive Director Michael Hall then introduced himself to the Members and provided an update on plans to reopen The League for classes in the coming months.

Board of Control Vice President and Chair of the Constitution Reform Committee Charlotte Bialek introduced committee member Kent Smith to review the proposed amendment to the by-laws. Mr. Kent introduced and read the proposed amendments:

**RESOLUTION – Amendments to By Laws XI & XII:**

League Member George Nader proposed a By-Law provision requiring The League to hold a “Meet the Candidates” meeting. The Constitution Reform Committee reviewed the proposed amendment and then worked with Mr. Nader to agree on a broader set of changes that provide for a “meet the candidates forum” and clarify the election process. The amendments are set forth below. In broad strokes, the recommended amendments are:

*By-Law XI Meetings:* Remove election process clause from By-Law XI, which is about meetings, and move that clause to By-Law XII, which is about Elections;

*Amendment 28:* Remove Amendment 28, which amends By-Law XII Elections, and move those provisions directly into By-Law XII so they can be read as one;

*By-Law XII:* Add to By-Law XII a “meet the candidates forum,” and revise By-Law XII regarding how it is organized so that it is intuitive in terms of likely chronology. The net effect of these changes is that all the election provisions will be in By-Law XII Elections and should be readily understandable.

The resolution was duly moved and seconded.

The floor was then opened for discussion.

Board of Control Vice President Michael Jacobs communicated the Boards endorsement of the proposed amendment.

Member Richard Katz thanked the committee for its work and requested a continuation of the virtual component of Members’ meetings to allow attendance for those who could not be present once in-person meetings resume.

Member Andy Reiss voiced his support of the amendments, but noted that the scheduled times for the proposed meetings could be an issue.

Vice President Bialek responded that the proposed amendment was consistent with current law, and that scheduling of meet the candidates forums could be specified in policy.

Ms. Bialek responded to a question by Member Katherine Butler regarding the number of members on the Board of Control.

Member Bettina Barbier raised a question regarding the timing of Members Meetings so that they would not interfere with class times.

Member George Nader discussed establishing a precedent for the meet-the-candidates forums. Mr. Smith responded with an explanation of the wording of the amendment.

President Frank then called for a vote. The poll was projected on-screen and voting took place.

Vice President Bialek discussed the composition of the Constitution Reform Committee and outlined its activities and new priorities.

Member Debra Garland asked if there were renovations to studio 16. President Frank responded that there was no damage to studio 16, and also noted that questions about locker access should be directed to the office.

Member Bruce Feingold commented on the price and length of online classes compared to in-person classes. President Frank responded with an explanation for the current pricing of online classes.

Member Andy Reiss discussed technical enhancements for students in online classes and raised the question of students communicating with one another. Executive Director Michael Hall responded by discussing features of a Learning Management System which is being explored by the administration. President Frank suggested holding Zoom meetings specifically for Members to gather.

Member Mihaela Cosma asked about doing volunteer work for The League.

Member Sema Gurun asked if it was possible to do a general renovation of the first floor studios. Mr. Hall responded by discussing the sheet-rocking and wall painting work that is being done throughout the first floor. Board Member Beth Berns discussed the use of Board-approved funds for planned renovations.

Member Kristen Zimmerman asked about the ceilings in studios 15 and 16. Ms. Zimmerman also commented on the need to foster a sense of community among Members, and called for ideas for connecting with other Members. Mr. Hall stated that the administration was exploring solutions for the best format to achieve this. President Frank discussed using Instagram as a communication platform.

Member Joseph Rossi thanked President Frank and the Board of Control for the work being done on the building.

Member Richard Katz asked about Life Member eligibility. Director of Special Projects Ken Park asked that questions about membership being sent by email to [membership@artstudentsleague.org](mailto:membership@artstudentsleague.org).

Member Joanna Karatzas discussed online classes and suggested that students use technical enhancements such as HDMI connection to a full-size television to provide a better experience.

Member George Nader requested email addresses for Board of Control members.

There being no further business, and upon a motion duly made and seconded, President Frank adjourned the meeting at 8:00 PM.



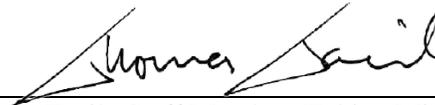
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Robin Lechter Frank, President

4/21/2021

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Date



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Thomas Tacik, Staff Member (Taking Minutes)

4/21/2021

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