

The Ohio State Jural Assembly
Official Weekly Business Meeting
Minutes for Tuesday November 21, 2023
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7:09 Tim starts recording and opens official meeting of OSJA, where we meet to discuss all business and will motion and vote on all matters.

Ross says prayer followed by 15 seconds for reflection.

Bivens is read 3 times by Tim; 3 times no.

Robert's Rules of Order will be followed.

Roll call: 8 in attendance:

Tim and Karla – Fairfield

Cristina - Summit

Ross – Summit

Joe – Summit

Michael – Adams

Michele – Cuyahoga

Dave – Fayette

Point of Order from Cristina:

"Michael and I have had extensive discussions this past week and had a very productive Public Affairs meeting last night. He has taken on the assignment of Education Manager (his chosen) with full discretion on who else he brings in to assist.

I also have arranged a weekly Zoom meeting every Wednesday afternoon with a consultant who builds educational websites.

Being that my original motion is moot and no longer germane, I move to withdraw that motion (to establish an education subcommittee under Public Affairs)."

Michele seconds this motion.

Karla made comments to clarify motions and minutes.

More conversation takes place trying to clarify motions and minutes. See recording.

Tim states that even though 11/7 minutes were voted by the full assembly to be corrected last week, he believes they shouldn't have been. He states they were correct as originally published and uses his authority as Moderator to reverse the consensus vote of the assembly.

Dave Roberts (nonmember) is brought into the discussion on making, voting on and withdrawal of motions where he and Tim determine that Cristina's motion to withdraw her "Create an Education SUBcommittee under Public Affairs" IS well-founded and correct, but the motion to withdraw is disregarded by Tim and Dave Roberts.

Tim and Dave state "that this is all now "mute" and we must move forward." Cristina attempts to object and her microphone is muted by Karla, Bailiff.

No vote is had.

Open Old Business – Ross motions, Michele and Michael second.

Old Business:

-Michele reads minutes from 11/14/23; Cristina believes minutes need a clarifying statement added here:

-Public Affairs update from Cristina: no updates aside from voting on outstanding motion from last meeting;

-at 16:25 of the recording, Tim presents his idea of creating the new Education Committee under it's own

umbrella, headed by Michael, who will create a proposal for member education material; Public Affairs will create a proposal for public education material; both proposals will be voted on by members and one will be selected.

therefore, an amendment will be forthcoming by next meeting and 11/14 minutes will be reread and voted on at that time by those in attendance at the 11/14 meeting;

-Michael clarifies that we have been allowing people to vote on meeting minutes if they were not in attendance at that meeting but they listened to the meeting recording; Dave Roberts (non member) agrees this is acceptable;

-Tim facilitates vote to accept 11/14 minutes with noted amendment forthcoming: 6 yeas, 1 abstains, 0 nays;

-Cristina: because Michael was not on call earlier, she reiterates her statement that she and Michael have had extensive discussions over the past week and he has taken on the responsibility of Education Manager and they have established a protocol and already have had one very productive meeting; that is why she motioned to withdraw her previous motion; she asks Michael if he has anything to add to her Public Affairs update based on their meeting last night;

-Michael adds that he met with Ross and Cristina on the Public Affairs meeting last night; he intends to follow the outline that was put together back in January to put some meat on the bones as far as the outline of the educational material and enhance that with information from some of the studies he's been doing, and for what we need to do for educating people in general; anyone that wants to reach out to him and work with him on any of this, that would be great;

-Treasury update from Michael: no updates/changes to report.

-Public Affairs update from Cristina: the update is the comments she made earlier;

Close Old Business – Ross motions, Joe and Tim second.

Open New Business – Cristina motions, Joe and Tim second.

New Business:

-Tim has on agenda to discuss the duties and responsibilities of the Educational Committee;

-Michele asks that before we get into that discussion, is there anything in the bylaws that would allow a motion to limit comments or limit individuals to no more than 2 comment, or limit the time of discussion of a topic and if time is exceeded, topic needs to be tabled? could these limits help avoid the confusion and chaos that has resulted in the past few meetings; she would like to make a motion to this effect but asks tenured members if that is a valid/allowable motion? **[THIS IS A REFERENCE TO ROBERTS' RULES OF ORDER.]**

-Dave states that moderator has absolute control and discretion over the floor and moderator decides how long a discussion should last and when it needs to be tabled; moderator decides how long each person gets to speak, as long as everyone gets equal time; it's the moderator's job is to move the meeting along, so if a discussion goes on too long, moderator should decide to table it in the interest of time; it can then be resumed in next meeting under Old Business;

-Tim states he's prepared to do that; Dave adds that the bailiff should also help keep things on track;

-Cristina adds that the bylaws have the option to institute a time limit that each person gets xx minutes for their initial comment and xx minutes for a second comment; and if we can't wrap it up in xx minutes, it gets tabled until next week; there are 1 or 2 Committees of Safety that have implemented this and it

seems to be effective in managing discussions; she would not be opposed to setting time limits;

-Tim is ok with conversation as long as it's productive; it's the back and forth that makes it confusing;

-Dave asks if we made a firm motion to establish a Educational Chair?

-Cristina says no, we only voted to dissolve any previous education committee;

-Tim says yes, we motioned to dissolve any previous education committee and establish a new one; vote was unanimous in 11/14 meeting; we also voted to accept the nomination of Michael as head of the Education Committee; vote passed in 11/7 meeting;

-Cristina asks Michele to clarify this; Michele says in 11/14 Tim tabled putting Education subcommittee under Public Affairs, but we did vote on dissolving any previous education committee and create a new one (vote result was yea);

- Dave was asked by Tim whether we had to dissolve the former educational committee? Dave responds that since the former members of that committee are no longer in attendance or members of OSJA the committee defaults as having dissolved itself.

-Cristina states she and Michael, Ryan and many others have discussed the topic of education for months and agreed that this topic is the most critical aspect of OSJA's public face, and Public Affairs exists to put the assembly 'best foot forward to the public' so educational outreach is the highest priority of the Committee;

-Dave says education did not previously fall under Public Affairs; Tim agrees that education is the highest priority for outreach to the public as well as transitioning new members but states his belief that the responsibility for education should not fall under Public Affairs.

-Michael interjects that it had been unclear if a previous educational committee existed and if it did, we didn't know how it was structured, so he felt it would be best abolished it so we could start afresh;

-Dave states after the fact that we didn't need to create a new committee, we just needed to appoint new chair; old chair dissolved itself because that person did not continue with OSJA; also, in future, we MUST NOT have elected officers holding appointed chairs; this is acceptable at this point because of our small size and lack of interested active members; Dave then suggests we make a motion for someone to run as chair of education; we table it until next week; meanwhile publish in Telegram chat room that OSJA is looking for an education chair to see if anyone is interested; this is just his recommendation; we can vote to do this, or we can just ignore it and move on; the choice is ours;

-Michael recalls in the past to accommodate the idea of one man/woman being elected to two positions, we instead called one a "manager"; Dave says that is not allowed – no person can hold more than 1 chair; Michael points out that we need to get these structural guidelines clearly documented and included in The Bylaws so we can know how to conduct our meetings; this is one of the first educational steps we need to take; Also Robert's Rules of Order need to be reviewed to ensure we are in compliance at all times; Correcting these 2 fundamental errors in our proceedings would resolve the problems we are currently facing;

-Dave says since Michael has already been formally voted in as Chairman of The Education Committee, we need to decide if the assembly should draft the duties/responsibilities of the education chair, or should Michael draft his own job description for a vote by the assembly?

-Dave and Tim direct Michael to handle this and present them to the Assembly for a vote;

-Ross points out that Michael is responsible for gathering help for his Education Committee;

- Michael asks that anyone who wants to contribute to educational process reach out to him and they'll put a structure together; he has a lot of things that he wants to research and format so he'll welcome any help;
- Dave reminds us this needs to be advertised in one People BUSINESS chat room; Michael says he will post it;
- Tim states that "we all **agree** that Michael is the chair, Michael is going to pick his own people, and that Michael is going to put something together and bring it to the floor for a vote; "

Close New Business – Ross motions, Joe and Tim second.

Adjourn – Ross motions, Karla seconds.

8:01 Tim adjourns meeting.

Next meeting is Tuesday November 28, 2023