

# **The Ohio State Jural Assembly Official Weekly Business Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, January 7, 2025**

by Cristina, Scribe

[7:13 pm] Ross starts recording and opens the meeting emphasizing we follow Roberts' Rules of Order for Parliamentary procedure and have only peaceful intent. He further explains the purpose of these meetings with OSJA members: to meet, to discuss, and to vote on all matters of concern to the men and women on Ohio.

- Kat opens this meeting in prayer.
- Ross calls for 15 seconds of silence for reflection.
- Michael is having trouble getting on the call – slight delay as he gets on board.
- Ross reads *The Bivens: Call for Declaration of Conflicting Allegiances* three times; there are no responses.
- The Statement of Peaceful Intent is read aloud. Time is given for consideration by attendees. There are no departures or objections.

**Roll Call** – conducted by Kat. 7 OSJA members participating:

Ross & Cristina – Summit  
Kat – Lorain

Keith – Fairfield  
Joe – Summit

Kim – Medina  
Michael – Adams

- Ross reminds all that according to OSJA Bylaws, we are here to discuss and motion on all topics of interest. We follow Robert's Rules of Order for Parliamentary Procedure in our meetings (see <https://robertsrules.com/> and <https://www.boardeffect.com/> and <https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/6-roberts-rules.pdf>.)

**Open Old Business** – Kat motions, Keith seconds.

Multiple sets of outstanding minutes are outstanding:

- Minutes from 9/20/2024 with minor corrections;  
Abstain 0, Nay 0, Yea 7; the minutes are accepted unanimously;
- Minutes from 12/24/2024  
Abstain 3, Nay 0, Yea 4; the minutes are accepted as read;
- Minutes from 12/31/2024 with minor corrections;  
Abstain 2, Nay 0, Yea 5; the minutes are accepted;
- Cristina motions, Kat seconds that the paper ballot verification be tabled until the next meeting.

**Close Old Business** – Kat motions; Keith second.

**Open New Business** – Joe motions; Kat seconds.

- Discussion is had by all on the proposal presented on the Telegram chat page to post on a dedicated page on the website each version of the Bylaws as they are modified or amended along with the certification autographs (by JotForm) of at least three duly elected officers and a total voting quorum of at least five members. This action shall be the responsibility of the duly elected Scribe and shall be effected in no more than 7 days after the vote to modify or amend the Bylaws has been had. Kat motions to enact this automatic updating procedure. Keith and Cristina second.

EMERGENCY vote to accept the motion to automatically update the bylaws by the above procedure;

Abstain: 0, Nay: 0, Yea: 7

**The motion passes unanimously and shall be added to the Bylaws for officer certification, posted live on the website no later than January 14, 2025.**

- Motion to clarify Bylaws language re: Grand Jury Commissioner appointment is discussed. Most agree that simple appointment by "State Moderator (Foreman)" as the bylaws currently read is ambiguous to the extent that it may facilitate cronyism. Multiple suggestions are made to improve this language, primarily that the Moderator may not reject nominations of Grand Jury Commissioners without showing just cause, and that there must needs be a general assembly vote to accept the Moderator's nomination (or not) as the majority sees fit. Language to be considered and clarified for vote at the next meeting, January 14, 2025. Ross puts forward Beverly Welbourne as his appointment candidate for consideration by the assembly vote next week at 6pm.

- Kat motions to make the time change of 6pm on Tuesday instead of 7pm on Tuesday permanent. This motion is not seconded and is tabled until next week to give the membership time to discuss and consider this change.

- Discussion is had regarding modifying the sections of the Bylaws allowing for any 'appointment' of position within the assembly to one of "Moderator-Foreman recommended candidate" which the electors may choose to accept or reject ("certification"). Kat, Keith and Cristina all state unequivocal rejection of 'appointments'. It is further pointed out that no position in the assembly currently carries any time limit other than the Grand Jury Commissioner having a MINIMUM three-year term. There are currently no MAXIMUM terms for any position. This language is to be perfected and a formal motion brought to vote in next week's meeting.

- The Board of Review section of the Bylaws is discussed at length. Modifications to include increase of the number within the selection pool for Board of Review participants to nine or eleven, where the Board itself determines among themselves which three are evaluating evidence will assure greater anonymity of evaluators, steps to guarantee BoR members are

all properly oath-sworn and assurance of highest degree of unbiased participation are discussed. The need for a non-participating “point of contact” person to act as the known go-between (“BoR liaison”) who is both the funnel for facts, evidence, testimony going to the BoR and the one who asks questions on behalf of the anonymous three BoR evaluators is crucial. It is generally agreed that BoR members need not be papered members of the Ohio State Jural Assembly. Language to be perfected and submitted as a formal motion to amend the Bylaws in a subsequent meeting.

- Roberts Rules of Order. OSJA claims to follow Roberts’ Rules of Order; the recent controversy starkly illuminated the fact that 1) the language of the Bylaws does not incorporate this and 2) even if it did, we are all woefully uneducated on the topic. It is generally agreed that we need to take steps to correct both of these points as soon as possible. Ross agrees to post something OSJA founder, Robin Ruwe, had authored on the matter several years ago.

- The Bivens Declaration of Conflicting Allegiances. Although this is discussed at the beginning of every OSJA meeting, similar to the Roberts’ Rules issue, our Bylaws have no language codifying this critical factor in the safety and security of our private membership organization. It is agreed that this gap needs to be closed as soon as possible. Kat suggests Robin’s document be posted and read at the beginning of each meeting; Michael suggests a short video utilizing this document would be appropriate. Keith recommends posting the document and the video covering greater details on the Telegram chat and the website.

- Discussion on the Claim and Rebuttal Affidavits is had. This dovetails into the mutually agreed upon need for an explicitly clear “Acknowledgement of Action for Independence” which will be posted and emailed to those requesting the JotForm capacity to autograph their agreement to the language of the document. This signed document will be posted on the website, the AFR newspaper for public publication. The general consensus is that the lawful assembly needs to issue a clear rebuttal to guarantee no public confusion can be had that we do not support any actions, behaviors or statements made by any of the break away group. Cristina is called to post this document immediately for all assembly members to have an opportunity to sign. This may only be a first step in the paper trail to reclaim The Ohio State Jural Assembly’s untarnished lawful reputation in the larger community. Further discussions are expected in future meetings.

- County Committee of Safety level Bilateral Social Compact with reciprocal acknowledgement of the State CoS – discussion tabled until next meeting.

- It is discussed that Protonmail seems to be having storage space issues lately; updates of contact information for assembly members.

**Close New Business** – Michael motions, Keith and Joe second.

**Adjourn** – Michael motions, Kat seconds.

[9:13 pm] Ross ends the meeting;

Next meeting is set for Tuesday, January 14, 2025 at 6:00pm via Zoom.

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**Being duly elected officers of The Ohio State Jural Assembly, in observation of lawful procedures of certification, do hereby autograph our acceptance onto The Record of the preceding minutes. Adoption and inclusion of the affirmed Motions are to be reflected in the most current Bylaws which shall be, as soon as is practicable, posted publicly at the general assembly authorized website for the public record:**

**<http://ohio.juralassembly.org/Bylaws>**

**so say we, one and all:**

**/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
(name, office, date)**

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(name, office, date)**

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