

Minutes of the Board of Governors Meeting -- Jan. 13, 2017

Attending: President Jeff Ballou, Vice President Andrea Edney, Board Chair Alison Kodjak, Deputy Chair Derek Wallbank, Treasurer Ferdous al-Faruque, Secretary Jen Judson, board members: Celia Wexler, Lindsay Murphy, Ed Barks, Ken Mellgren, Michael Freedman, Erik Meltzer, membership secretary Michele Salcedo, NPC Journalism Institute's Barbara Cochran, and Ex Officio Thomas Burr.

Chair Kodjak called the meeting to order.

Judson moved approval of minutes by previous secretary Joe Morton. Edney seconded. Approved unanimously by voice vote.

Salcedo presented a list of membership applications vetted by the membership committee and recommended approval of the applications. Salcedo read aloud the list of possible memberships up for approval as paper copies of the list were not available at the time of the meeting.

Board members discussed various memberships pending on the list. Burr suggested more review of the candidates and to put it to an electronic vote later. Fitzgerald proposed Salcedo send list of pending membership applications around to board members so there is time review them then after three days the board will vote electronically.

Wallbank moved to have the membership applications list sent to board members and, after three days of deliberation, hold an online vote as the board chair suggested. If serious concerns exist about any membership applications, those would be held over automatically to the February board meeting for further questioning. Edney seconded. Approved unanimously by voice vote.

Judson moved to elect the leaders of the new board. Edney moved to make Kodjak board chair. Ballou seconded. Approved unanimously by voice vote.

Ballou moved to elect Wallbank as vice chair of the board. Edney seconded. Approved unanimously by voice vote.

Kodjak opened floor for Cochran to discuss the NPC Journalism Institute Board. The members of the board are approved by the NPC board. Cochran read aloud new and returning board members. Edney moved to approve the list of new and existing board members as presented by Cochran. Ballou seconded. Approved unanimously by voice vote.

Kodjak set the next board meeting for Monday, Feb. 13.

Meltzer asked about board member assignments to serve as committee liaisons. Kodjak said she, Ballou and Edney are working on assignments and to notify any of them of interest in serving as a committee liaison.

Ballou noted that he would be circulating something shortly on plans to change the committee structure at the Club. Some committees are to be merged, some are going away and therefore traditional appointments are going to be reconfigured.

Edney said a committee chair retreat is in the works but a date for the retreat has yet to be set but will be scheduled soon.

Ballou welcomed new board members and reminds members that the club will be under a great deal of scrutiny as it has been in the past several years and to therefore be mindful of conduct on social media because it reflects on the club. He said the club has one voice and it belongs to the president.

Ballou moved to adjourn the meeting. Wallbank seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Meeting duration: 32 minutes