

EC Meeting 1/4/22

Present: Jeremy Lapham, Christine VanderKolk, Ted McTaggart, Meg Suell, Raedeane Hawthorne, Renee Curtis, Aaron McCormick, Jenn Delvero, Bethany Moore, Kate Wesley

Minutes taken by Meg Suell, MNA-UMPNC Secretary

Topic: Need to replace Peter Fedor as chief rep. He was elected but has since transferred to a different area.

- Our two options per our bylaws are to appoint a rep to fill the vacancy, or to have an election for the one spot.
  - Election would cost \$10k-14k
  - Discussed the merits and drawbacks of each of these two options
- Jeremy: Motion to appoint (rather than elect) an area rep to replace Peter Fedor.
  - Bethany: 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - Unanimous vote of all present in favor, motion passed
- Discussion on whether to appoint the runner up, consider all who ran for the position regardless of the vote outcome, or widen our consideration to also include members who did not run for the position.
  - Noted that vote difference between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place candidates was only 10 points
  - Discussion of what the most right way to move forward would be
- Bethany: Motion to appoint a candidate from the existing candidates who submitted their bio and consents to be placed on the ballot.
  - This narrows candidate selection to Marina Marzec and Jacquelyn Lampe.
  - Aaron: 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - Unanimous vote of all present in favor, motion passed
- Kate: Motion to appoint the 2<sup>nd</sup> runner up
  - Jenn: 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - Discussion on the motion. Suggestion to consider the candidates on their individual merits based on their candidate questionnaire and bio/consents, given that vote margin was very close. Point made that despite the close vote, it may seem most logical and fair to the membership for the role to go to the 2<sup>nd</sup> place candidate.
  - Voice vote indeterminate so proceeded to a roll call vote. 5 opposed, 4 in favor, 1 abstaining.
    - Motion failed
- Open discussion on how to move forward
  - Considered interviewing candidates but no one felt that was necessary.
  - Acknowledgement that the candidate's 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> placing held different significance for us among the group.
  - Acknowledgement of some EC Members' desire to make sure we were not rushing this decision, and shared goal of being careful, fair, and thoughtful with how we proceed.
  - Plan to reconvene on Friday and vote on which candidate to appoint at that time.
    - Meg will send out Bio/Consents and Candidate Questionnaires from the two candidates to all EC members to review, as well as zoom link.
- Meeting Adjourned