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OCF Bylaws Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday November 16, 2021, 6:30-7:50 pm

Committee, board members, and officers present: Diane, Palmer, Lisa, Mark, Heidi, and Paxton.
Absent: Kimmo.

The last meeting minutes were reviewed, with no objections. The current meeting agenda was reviewed. Sam asked that we discuss a possible change to a simple majority for board officer elections.

No new member feedback was received since the last committee meeting.

Discussion topics included:

Review of bylaws and update recommendations –

Lisa looked at the NAO recommendations and highlighted the ones that we haven't looked at yet. They include term limits, minimum age for membership, offices of president and vice president required to be members of the board, and requirements and a recruitment committee for board candidates. These might be good topics for a working assembly, although term limits might be a long discussion. Candidate requirements and recruitment may be something that the ED takes on.

Mark suggested we plan what topics to work on each month and offered to pull incomplete items from the Bylaw comparison chart.

Review roles of Secretaries and determine if bylaws changes needed –

General discussion agreed that the Bylaws could/should reflect current practices. Kimmo provided an excellent document that includes all references to secretary in the Bylaws. Heidi will edit it to include specifics about Recording and Membership Secretary for the next meeting.

Board officer elections –

Sam suggested a change to a simple majority for officer elections might smooth this process. Discussion included concern that it would not solve the problem and that it seems to have been an issue only in recent years. We might discuss further if directed to do so by the board.

Tasks, To Do's and Summary

- Kimmo – update re: combined meeting with FairCARE (sent email 11/14; establish dates in 2022)

- Lisa – will read the bylaws motions during old business at next Board meeting 12.6.2021
- Heidi -- update Secretary roles in Kimmo doc
- Mark -- create 2nd doc with only "Red" parts (maybe more) from the Bylaw comparison chart.

The next scheduled Bylaws Committee meeting will be Tuesday, December 21, 2021, 6:30-8pm.