

## Minutes

### EDIB WorkGroup Meeting

Monday 8pm - 9pm September 15, 2025

Scribe: coyote

Present: Teresa (Liaison) Carla (Chair) Peter (Member) Hannah (Member) Ann (Fair Family)  
coyote (Member/Scribe)

Agenda: Carla states that we are in a state of 'limbo' and are not in a position to influence Board decisions: suggests we move forward *as if* Board will approve request for extension.

Teresa shared opinion that, at the 9/22/25 Special Session Board wants to get a feeling if this WorkGroup will be productive and wants to move forward; focus on the future items we want to improve. Expressed concern / lack of clarity regarding our "Policy Analysis (#4?)

Peter shared perspective that "policies and surveys are two different pieces of data".

Teresa unclear of WorkGroup rationale for "two different types of Survey Questions": "Why are we (WorkGroup) doing them way they are?"

Hannah offered clarification that one seeks 'qualitative' and the other seeks 'quantitative' results.

Teresa states that the Board "really wants *'this'* to work". (Perhaps the focus needs to be narrowed) Possibly 'We' (collective organization) will "learn how to do *'this'* better than we have done in the past."

Teresa expressed that "there is *concern* about '*division*' within the WorkGroup, and "the Board will be trying to '*suss\* that out*' ". She continued by clarifying that she sees '*that*' as a plus, because (she believes) that "this is what our OCF community is like," and "having people with differing opinions means that *we have to take this work slowly*" - and "there are advantages to it. (Advantages to *differences*)

Carla hopes for candid/ "gracious" meeting

Group shared in developing Meeting Schedule for next nine (9) Months

**2025** (All meetings 7-9pm)

Monday October 20

Wednesday November 19

December 15 (Subject to change based on Hanukkah observations)

**2026** (All meetings 7-9pm - Days may vary)

Wednesday January 21

Monday February 16

Wednesday March 11

Monday April 13

Monday May 11

Monday June 8th (Subject to pre-Fair availability)

## **Discussion**

(1) Ways to Contribute / Forms etc

Question of Adding more WorkGroup Members were brought up;

coyote in support / Hannah likes more participants for sub-group work.

Peter wants continue to move forward with current four (4) Members:

prefers to work on Documents and encourages others to follow suit.

Shares perspective that "talking is not so important as working" (on Documents).

**Discussion** about types of ways to share working documents.

Peter suggested "Word" as an option : prefers Google . Shared his understanding(s) of (a) Word processing Documents; (b) Word Doc. File [ to track changes]]

Verbalizes a desire for "a collaborative way": states that Google Docs allows collaboration and comments.

Ann Not in favor of Google Docs: states that the current EAB (Emerald Ash Borer) Group (Committee?) utilizes Word Docs.

Hannah suggests "WhiteBoard"

coyote finds Google challenging

Teresa spoke favorably towards Google Doc: shared adding "Google Doc (and/or Word)

**'Agreements'** to whatever process is utilized [Shared example with Group]

States perspective that **"Agreements are Important."**

Carla: Favors Google Docs. Proposes *experiment* with Google Doc. Suggests a "mock up" WorkGroup / special subgroup meeting for interested WorkGroup members as a learning/training opportunity in Google Docs in a few weeks. She will set it up - send email regarding future dates. She also wants us to figure out what roles are needed within the WorkGroup and discuss this soon.

coyote recommends waiting for new WorkGroup members before learning/training opportunity.

Peter suggests we don't wait for new people before we move forward: "Work now; don't delay. Don't wait for new people. If (you) don't want to work, then don't work. Work is good.... if you're thinking. *Some people don't like to think about stuff:* we don't need to wait for new people."

Encourages that we continue to familiarize ourselves with the current 38 page Google Doc which the Board will be reviewing/discussing at the upcoming Special Meeting.

**Carla:** Expressed opinion that it is "Not necessary to wait for new people."

**Teresa:** Expresses 'confusion' about WorkGroup 'priorities of tasks'. Seeks rationale for our chosen Task #1 (Data collection), as she understands that as Task #4.

**Peter** shared his perspective that Task #1 is what is described in original Board Motion rather than what is shown as Task #1 in the Bullet Points that followed. Teresa thanked him for sharing his perspective.

Meeting adjourned at (approximately) 9:12 pm Monday September 15, 2025