

# Minutes for MFF Board Meeting 2018 April 15

All board members : Timothy Wood (Woody), Toby Muroso (Perro), Ian Layton (Rama), Lara Lester (Datahawk), Vince Lopez (Littlewolf) , Cheetah Goletz and Robert King

Absent: (none)

## AGENDA

- Approve Minutes for review
- Election of Board Members
- Election of Officers
- Corporate Address
- Budget
- Change in Twitter Address and Animation
- Open discussion

Meeting starts at 3:12

### **Approve Minutes for Review**

Last three sets of outstanding Minutes (with revisions already suggested) approved unanimously.

### **Election of Board Members**

Note: As a clarification, Yes, we can (re)elect a board member that is currently serving as a chair. We need to make this formal.

General Elections conducted by electronic ballot. Vote to re-elect Robert King, Timothy Wood, and Toby Muroso

All three candidates reelected unanimously.

### **Election of Officers**

Discussion of office responsibilities and candidates. We are short on candidates. First, we must fill the President, Secretary, and Treasurer positions.

President

Cheetah and Robert nominated for President. Woody is concerned that Cheetah has limitations (overcommitted by work, sometimes offline for extended periods, some communication problems).

Cheetah still needs to oversee VP contracts work. His work schedules are changing in that he needs to commute out of New York. But in general his schedule is not going to get worse.

Cheetah wants the President position primarily as the bully pulpit to help drive several key improvements in the board and convention. Robert has extensive president experience and he is willing to take the President position as a backstop if we feel Cheetah is not able to take the position – but Robert would not have the same vision to the improvements that we need.

Robert suggested a runoff format: Attempt to elect Cheetah as President, then if that fails, attempt to elect Robert as President

Cheetah elected as President by 5 out of 6 using paper ballots.

Data volunteered for and accepted a nomination for the position of VP of Operations.

Slate vote for remaining positions: Robert as Secretary, Vince as Treasurer, Data as VP of Operations, Cheetah as VP of Contracts

Slate vote had unanimous approval.

### **Corporate Address**

New President Cheetah wants to stop the practice of using the President's home address as the Corporate Address. We need to get this resolved in time for the annual Report. A motion was made to get board approval to decouple this from the president's home address. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

**Budget** – will conduct a final vote on line on Wednesday.

Small correction to budget: Finance group (Treasury) line item: an extra 7500 dollar delayed 2017 payment. No objections.

### **Change in Twitter Address and Animation**

There is general agreement that the new twitter address is a good thing and better uses our trademark. Woody proposes an animation from Tirrel. Add it to budget? We voted to release up to \$2000 in advance. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

### **Open Discussion**

We need to enlarge our board. All board members should build a list of potential new board members for consideration.

The bylaws still need fine tuning – our voting thresholds are excessively high.

We now understand how committees operate based on the state laws. We can use committees for a variety of functions.

Potential corporate departments: Legal, HR, SEI – we want to retroactively allocate budget for these. No objections.

Brand Management continues to become more and more important – Should this be ongoing corporate function instead of year to year? Open question for consideration.

Next board meeting May 6.

Meeting closes at 5:27