

# General Membership Meeting Minutes Monday, February 26, 2024 @ 8:00 PM - Virtual

### Call to Order

- Meeting called to order at 8:05 PM, February 26, 2024 (Virtual)
- Attendees: Sandra Vanderzee, Julia Esteve, Lauren Bartholomew, Leah Ludington, Amy Hayes, Amy Tong, Ana Trager, Angela Beade, Anna Spurway, Anshul Rampal, Ashley Lawler, Ben Ludington, Camalita Glover, Chris Weber, Claire Raphael, Claudia Guerra Benavides, Julianne Henley, Julie Marshall, Jyotsna Sudi, Keith Upton, Kelsey Donovan, Kruti Vora, Laura Gehmen, Lingyan Anderson, Lisa Noble, Liza Landry, Lloyd Raphael, Lotte Goede, Lynette Springborn, Mandakh Nyamdavaa, Marilyn Jochim, Marius Haman, Tanya Haman, Tim Sedor, Viji Vasu, Vyshnave Lalpet Kripakaran, Xiao Ma, Zhenguo Fan, Reginald Henley, Cristie Piquette, Danielle Dolin, Elizabeth Carpenter, Elizabeth Dragonjac, Gisele Paulo, Greg Lussier, Jason Ing, Jay Noble, Jennifer Sehlin, Jenny Schaffer, Jessica Aguero, Jessica Lussier, Jessica Smiddy, Jonathan Spurway, Jose Paulo, Juan Balducci, Matt Trager, Mathew Vanderzee, Michelle Moon, Mike Chang, Nikolas Fisikelli, Oscar Castanedo, Pritesh Patel, Qibo Fan, Radhika Sehn, Rebeca Fisikelli, Rebecca Klypin, Ruchi Khanna, Sodzaya Bold, Solape Ajayi, Susan Martorana, Rahul Sachdeva, Montserrat Junyent
- Proper meeting notice was given. Quorum was established.

#### **President's Welcome and Introductions**

President Sandra Vanderzee welcomed all PTSA members in attendance along with two special guests, our WSPTA representatives Lauren Bartholomew and Jessica Smiddy.

#### Business

## **President - Sandra Vanderzee**

Sandra stated that per Robert's Rules of Order, this part of the membership meeting should be conducted in executive session, meaning that only CRE PSTA members should participate. All non-members were excused from the membership meeting while in executive session. Sandra shared the structure of the proceedings and the process for a motion as indicated in "Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised" with the membership.

Sandra asked for volunteers for the teller's committee. Sandra appointed Jonathan Spurway and Ana Trager to the teller's committee. The membership voted via zoom poll and approved the appointment of Jonathan Spurway and Ana Trager to the teller's committee.

Sandra read WSPTA Uniform Bylaws Article 5, Section 6 (J) to the membership:

"An officer of a local PTA or council may be removed from office, with or without cause, by a two-thirds vote of the membership present at a regularly scheduled meeting or at a special membership meeting called for such purpose. Best practices for officer removal can be found in current WSPTA policy."

Sandra stated that this process will be followed because the WSPTA Uniform Bylaws, WSPTA Articles of Incorporation, WSPTA Policy, and the Washington Nonprofit Corporation Act supersede Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised per WSPTA Uniform Bylaws, Article 2L.

Leah Ludington made the following motion "By direction of the board of directors, I move that the currently elected Director of Fundraising for the 2023-2024 term be removed from office." Camalita Glover seconded the motion. Sandra repeated the motion and formally placed the matter before the membership. Sandra asked Leah if she wished to speak to the motion. Leah Ludington had the floor for 10 minutes to speak to the motion. Sandra asked Anna Spurway if she wished to respond to the motion. Anna Spurway had the floor for 10 minutes to respond to the motion.

The opportunity for debate was given. Up to three speakers were allowed 90 seconds each to speak in support of the motion, alternating with up to three speakers allowed 90 seconds each to speak against the motion. An equal number of "in favor" and "against" speakers was required. Qibo Fan spoke for 90 seconds in support of the motion. Chris Weber spoke for 90 seconds against the motion. Sandra announced that debate was closed.

Sandra called for a Yes or No vote via anonymous zoom poll. The members were given 90 seconds to record their votes. The motion required a 2/3 vote for approval pursuant to the WSPTA Uniform Bylaws Article 5, Section 6(J).

The results were announced: 61% of votes were in favor of removal, 39% of votes were against. Motion Failed.

The teller's committee verified the results to be recorded in the meeting minutes.

There was no further debate or discussion. Members were reminded that all discussion held in executive session is confidential. Questions for the board can be sent to <a href="mailto:questions@cascaderidgeptsa.org">questions@cascaderidgeptsa.org</a>

Meeting Adjourned at 8:38 PM