



Minutes of the October 19, 2017 Special Meeting of the USRowing Board of Directors

Telephonic Meeting __: __ pm

Directors present: Marcia Hooper, Meghan O'Leary, Nick LaCava, Joe Flynn, Sheila Tolle, Bill Donoho, Kris Thorsness, Lisa Stone, and Steven Shure

Directors not present: Jim Dietz, Joe Manion, Charlie Haight, Jamie Redman, and David Banks

Others present: Patrick McNerney (CEO), Susan Smith (Director of Membership), Andrew Lee, Esq. (counsel for the association)

This meeting was called on an emergency basis because, as USRowing staff was preparing to send out the Notice of Special Meeting with the proposed amended Bylaws, they realized that a change to the transition plan previously approved by the Board is desirable and probably necessary.

The plan approved by the board would have elections this year (in January) for Zones I (NE) and IV (western/Pacific), based on the November nominations for two regional votes coming up any way (SE and SW). The plan provided that Joe Manion (MA) would fill the initial Zone II (lower Atlantic) board spot and Bill Donoho (MW) would fill the initial Zone III (Central) board spot. Under this plan, Lisa Stone (NE) and Steve Shure (NW) would become At Large Directors.

The logistical issue that management realized this raised is that the NE would not be voting on the Zone I rep until three years from now. While the current NE rep would remain on as an At Large director for the next two years, as currently contemplated the actual Zone I (NE) director for the next three years would have been elected only by clubs in the current SE region.

Staff therefore proposed the following modification of the previously approved transition plan: Lisa Stone (current NE) stays on as the initial Zone I director rather than moving to an At-Large spot. Everything else stays the same (i.e., Joe Manion in Zone II, Bill Donoho in Zone III and Steve Shure At Large). In the call for nominations this November, the Association would call for two sets of nominations, one for the SE and SW, which would apply if the bylaws don't pass; and another alternate for proposed Zone IV, which would apply if the bylaws do pass. This change also provides for additional staggering: Zone IV elected 2018 (along with the Athlete Member Director); Zones II & III elected 2019 (along with the Membership Zone Director); and Zone I elected 2020.

Motion from Nick LaCava to approved the modification described above, which was seconded by Lisa Stone and passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at __:__