



Active 20-30 Club United States & Canada

MEETING MINUTES

Friday, June 5, 2015 Board Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER, QUORUM AND INTRODUCTIONS

President Arashiro called the meeting to order at 8:13 a.m. A quorum was established.

Officers present included Corey Arashiro (National President, Indianapolis), Dana von Sternberg (President-Elect, Sebastopol), Vineet Wahi (Immediate Past President, Seattle), Liesl McLean (National Director Region 1, Eugene), Jason Coates (National Director Region 2, Chico), Derrick Karimian (National Director Region 6, Vallejo) and Wendy Cockrell (National Treasurer, Greater Sacramento).

Crystal Floyd (National Director Region 5) attend the meeting via conference call.

Others present included: Loni Foster, Emily Schaffner, Meghan McMahon, Laura Schultz, Amanda Bradley, Robert Steck, Michelle Saunders, Jeff Okrepkie, Brian Noble, Linda Abdelbaki, Ryan Heidrich, Martin Uriarte, Monica Uriarte, Daniel McCaffery, Amber Jewison, Sonia Vazquez Campos, Nathan Mischel, John Fox, Geoffrey Cheung, Evan Hershey (International President), Oscar Giralt, Ashley Corbett, Lindsey Della Donna, Sara Schmillen, Michele Spilman, Allison Britton and Alycia Thibadeau.

Brittany Abbate (National Director Region 3) and Tommy Lovell (National Director Region 4, Carson Valley) were unable to attend.

Geoffrey Chung (International Relations Officers, Santa Rosa) joined the meeting at the time noted within the minutes.

2. MINUTES

It was **MOVED** by Derrick Karimian (National Director Region 6), **SECONDED** by Jason Coates (National Director Region 2) and **AGREED** by the Board to approve the May 11, 2015 Board Meeting minutes as presented.

It was **MOVED** by Dana von Sternberg (National Director Region 6), **SECONDED** by Jason Coates (National Director Region 2) and **AGREED** by the Board to approve the May 25, 2015 Special Board Meeting minutes as presented. (3 Board members abstained from the vote, D. Karimian, J. Coates and V. Wahi)

3. ADJUSTMENTS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was **MOVED** by Derrick Karimian (National Director Region 6), **SECONDED** by Liesl McLean (National Director Region 1) and **AGREED** by the Board to approve the meeting agenda as revised.



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4. PRESIDENT REPORT

President Arashiro discussed the current RFP process for the National Office/Executive Director and announced a committee is being formed to take over the process.

President Arashiro stated that it is important for us to show our support to those in Nepal and has started a drive to raise \$10,000 to assist with the relief efforts needed because of the recent catastrophe.

President Arashiro took a moment to thank Convention Chair, Monica Uriarte, and her team for doing such an amazing job on convention. He asked the National Directors to limit their Regional Reports at the AGM in order to make sure we can get through the AGM agenda due to the number of proposed Bylaw changes and the Election of Candidates.

5. PRESIDENT-ELECT REPORT

President-Elect von Sternberg announced he would be looking to Denver to host midterm for the 2015-2016 term.

Discussion was held regarding hosting International midterm in the United States. Based on the status of our organization, President-Elect von Sternberg stated that it would be best for the Organization if the Board focused on our organization at this time and not take on such a large job hosting midterm.

A suggestion was made from the membership to possibly hold National Midterm in Durham/Raleigh.

6. IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

Immediate Past President Wahi deferred his report to the AGM.

7. TREASURERS REPORT

National Treasurer Cockrell reported that the National Budget is well into the black and looking great at this time.

Financials for the 2014-2015 term will be available to the general membership at the AGM.

8. NATIONAL OFFICE UPDATE

The National Office thanked Convention Chair, Monica Uriarte, and the National Convention committee for working really hard on convention.

International Relations Officer Geoffrey Cheung was recognized at 8:27 a.m.



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9. REGIONAL DIRECTORS

1. Region 1, Liesl McLean
 - a. Doing a lot of great things. There are 5 clubs in attendance at convention: Indianapolis, Eugene, Durham/Raleigh, Portland and Seattle.
 - b. Club Updates:**
 - i. Brentwood is working on their annual boat party scheduled for July.
 - ii. Durham/Raleigh will be hosting their 2nd Annual Kickball tournament on May 2nd with an estimated 200 people in attendance.
 - iii. Eugene will be hosting their 69th Annual Freedom Festival on July 4th.
 - iv. New York is launching a 2-month diaper drive to donate 150 boxes to a local shelter for survivors of domestic violence.
 - v. Rocky Mountain is hosting Bikes for Tykes pub cruiser crawl on July 25th and would love other clubs to join them.
 - vi. Portland is growing and focusing on new projects.
2. Region 2, Jason Coates
 - a. Several clubs have had record breaking fundraisers this year and met their goals for the term.
 - b. Roseville is currently struggling for membership. If you know anyone in the area interested in joining please encourage them to attend a meeting.
 - c. Region 2 Clubs are having a hard time getting clubs to visit each other and need support. Redding has asked for members to visit their region. If you are in the area please reach out to them.
3. Region 5, Crystal Floyd
 - a. Bakersfield has put into place a membership goal of 35 by July 1st. They have had a 60% increase in the last 6-month term (Dec-June '15). On April 11th they held a craft brew festival and it was a huge success. Their annual Child spree will be held August 1st.
 - b. Golden Empire has been in contact through Facebook. Since they are not in good standing, Crystal will work closely with them in order to help them get back in good standing.
 - c. Madera is doing really well especially with publicity. They recently donated a \$15,000 wheelchair to a disabled high school student to play basketball.
 - d. Merced has 3 new members, received a PR Grant that was used to promote the organization at the local music festival. Their annual Child spree will be held September 12th.
 - e. Turlock just launched a new event - Prom/Monte Carlo. They broke even but had a great turnout.
4. Region 6, Derrick Karimian
 - a. Upcoming Golf Tournaments in the Region - Napa (6/26), Healdsburg (July) and North Bay (6/19).
 - b. Ribs for Kids event in Petaluma is June 27th.
 - c. Red, White & Boom coming up in Santa Rosa on July 4th.



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- d. Sebastopol is currently flamingo flocking in the Sonoma County area.
- e. Burning Ham - new 3 club event (North Bay, Sebastopol and Petaluma) is being planned and scheduled for October 10th.
- f. Ukiah is doing really well.
- g. Napa has not a lot of involvement with the National Organization in recent years so it is fantastic to see so many of their members here at convention.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 1. History, Michele Spilman
 - a. Continuing to post historical facts and findings on the Facebook page.
 - b. Scanned the documents from the Nixon Library but unable to do all of them due to copyrights.
 - c. Looking to make a timeline of club charters and events dating back to the beginning.
- 2. Public Relations, Monica Uriarte
 - a. PR committee has been working really hard. There are 7 members on the committee with members from each Region. They have made a sustainability plan for next year and beyond in order to make sure they do not lose traction.
 - b. Recreated the National Newsletter which has a 22-26% open rate. The committee is looking for content. Will come out with a dedicated content email to send items to the committee directly.
 - c. Looking to double in size for the 2015-2016 term.
 - d. The PR committee awarded \$5,000 in Grants for the 2014-2015 term. The next round of applications will come out in July.
 - e. The July newsletter will spotlight Grant recipients and convention wrap up.
 - f. A survey will come out next term to determine what the members would like to see in the Newsletter.
 - g. Question from the membership with regards to LinkedIn account for National. It is currently inactive while it is being cleaned up. Will be re-launched and hopes are we can use it more.
- 3. Laws & Regulations, Vineet Wahi
 - a. Several Bylaw amendments were submitted as noted in the Delegate Packets.
 - b. A Bylaw interpretation was also requested with regards to the Election process at the AGM. The interpretation made by the Laws & Regulations Committee was read aloud to the membership.
 - i. A question was posed with regards to suspending the Bylaws by a 2/3 vote in order to allow the Bylaw amendments to be voted on at the AGM. With this interpretation can we suspend the Bylaws to vote on the Bylaw amendments. Based on the interpretation the answer is yes
 - ii. By suspending the Bylaws to allow the vote on the amendments, will it allow Bylaw amendments to be submitted from the floor? It was determined that it depends on what the motion is. If the motion is limited to voting on the Bylaws only then bylaw amendments from the floor will



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not be allowed.

4. Awards, Amber Jewison
 - a. Speech contest will be held at 10:30 Friday, June 4th. Everyone is welcomed to stay. There are 5 members participating in the contest.
 - b. Awards winners will be announced at the AGM and the Gala dinner.
 - c. Plaques and patches will be mailed to award winners.

5. New Clubs Charter, Jeff Okrepkie
 - a. Will defer his report to the AGM.
 - b. A petition to charter has been submitted by Cottonwood Heights #321 in Utah. There are 15 members interested in chartering the club. It will be a men's club with January 2016 Charter date

It was **MOVED** by Vineet Wahi (Immediate Past President), **SECONDED** by Liesl McLean (National Director Region 1) and **AGREED** by the Board to approve the petition to become a club in formation for Cottonwood Heights, UT.

Additional Discussion held with regards to the charter:

- 2 members from 50 (Jared & Donovan) are spearheading the charter. Very hard working members. They moved to Utah due to family obligations.

- SR 50 was asked if they would be willing to be the sponsoring club and help with the process. It was noted that this would need to be taken to the Board of 50 for approval. It was suggested to reach out to Denver since they are geographically closer. Question was posed regarding 50 sponsoring a number of clubs. It was noted that that last 3 clubs sponsored from 50 where chartered by past 50 members.

- Cottonwood Heights is a suburb of Salt Lake City. The chartering individuals have looked into the Laws of Utah extensively in order to understand the rules with regards to alcohol sales, events, etc.

- Question was posed with regards to concerns on how the club could be impacted by events of other Active 20-30 clubs in the news. Is there a way the PR committee can help them in their community.

6. International Relations Officer, Geoffrey Cheung
 - a. El Salvador July 15-19. Floor was handed over to Oscar Giralt "CoCo" to discuss convention. Registration is currently \$715 however if you purchase your registration this weekend you will get a discounted rate of \$650.
 - b. Introduced Sonja Vasquez who lives in Miami and it a citizen of Dominican Republic.
 - c. Also recognized is David Chez from Dominican Republic
 - d. International Forum will be held directly after the Board meeting to discuss the platform of CoCo and Chino for International President-Elect.



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12. NATIONAL FOUNDATION

The Foundation was originally endowed in 1989. Members of the Board were announced to the membership.

Immediate Past President Wahi discussed the questions posed early in the year to the Foundation Board with regards to the current setup and explained the research behind the questions. Immediate Past President Wahi turned the floor over to National Treasurer Cockrell to discuss the current status of the Foundation.

Treasurer Cockrell states the status of the Foundation and announced they have hired an attorney, Jason Smith of Smith, McDowell & Powell, to audit the Foundation and make a final determination on the status of the Foundation (should we be classified as a Public Charity or a Private Foundation).

A question was posed if any surplus funds from prior years were submitted to the Foundation to help build the funds. In recent years there have not been any surplus funds to held build the Foundation.

14. OLD BUSINESS

1. Formation of RFP Committee for Executive Director
 - a. The process for obtaining a RFP has been ongoing for a number of months. In order to include everyone in the process we have formed a committee to determine what we want from the National Office. If anyone is interested in being on the committee please contact Jason Coates.

15. NEW BUSINESS

1. National Convention Bid Reviews
 - a. We have received 2 bids for Convention 2016 and 1 bid for Convention 2017.
 - b. A bid was received from Carson Valley #85 but due to current circumstances their bid is unable to be considered.
 - c. Ashley Corbett from VOS presented a bid from for Convention 2016 in Scottsdale at Talking Stick Resort. Floor was handed to Sarah Smelling to discuss breakout sessions, excursions and costs. Estimated cost of convention is \$200 for Thurs-Sat and included an excursion or \$150 for Friday and Saturday.
 - d. Jason Coates from Chico #100 presented a bid for Convention 2016 in Chico, CA at Holiday Inn, Chico.

It was **MOVED** by Derrick Karimian (National Director Region 6), **SECONDED** by Liesl Jason Coates (National Director Region 2) to suspend the meeting for 5 minutes for Region Directors to collaborate with their members in attendance.

President Arashiro reconvened the meeting at 9:56 a.m.



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Jason Coates announced that Chico #100 would like to withdraw their bid for Convention 2016. It was recommended by the Region 6 Director to have Chico #100 as a midterm host option.

It was **MOVED by Derrick Karimian (National Director Region 6), SECONDED by Liesl McLean (National Director Region 1) and AGREED by the Board** to award Convention 2016 to Valley of the Sun.

2. National Convention Bid for 2017

- a. Michelle Saunders and Meghan McMahon presented a presentation for Convention 2017 which will be combined with International Convention in Eugene, OR.
 - i. International conventions have to be submitted 2 years in advance.
 - ii. Estimated cost will be between \$250-350
 - iii. Dates submitted due to Freedom Festival in order to allow members the opportunity to participate in Eugene's largest project
 - iv. Past Actives are interested in participating and would like to throw a Friday night party.

It was **MOVED by Derrick Karimian (National Director Region 6), SECONDED by Dana von Sternberg (President-Elect) and AGREED by the Board** to award Convention 2016 to Eugene. (1 member abstained from the vote: L. McLean)

Question was posed if they are not awarded International Convention would they still be interested in hosting National Convention to which Eugene responded yes.

3. Other

- a. Monica Uriarte reminded members of the International forum directly following the meeting. Speech Contest will be held as close to 10:30 as possible.
- b. Breakout Sessions will be held this afternoon in Grand Ballroom.

14. SEARGANT-AT-ARMS

Evan Hershey reported \$110 was collected.

It was **MOVED by Liesl McLean (National Director Region 1), SECONDED by Dana von Sternberg (President-Elect) and AGREED by the Board** to roll the \$110 in fines from the Board meeting to the AGM Meeting to be held Saturday, June 6th.

15. ADJOURNMENT

It was **MOVED by Liesl McLean (National Director Region 1), SECONDED by Jason Coates (2) and AGREED by the Board** to adjourn the meeting at 10:21 a.m.