

NELA/NY Executive Board Meeting
October 21, 2021 at 2 pm
By Zoom/Telephone
Minutes by Amy M. Hong

Attendees: Roseni, Laurie, Nicole G., Amy, Jacob, Miriam, Magda, Zach, Beka, Harvey, Locksley, Nicole S.

Quorum: Yes (8)

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:01 pm to continue the October 14, 2021 meeting.

Beka moved to enter into executive session. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Roseni was invited to stay for the executive session. Jacob asked to have Roseni excused from executive session for some portions of the agenda. The meeting remained in executive session for the balance of meeting, however, the Board will publish the decisions made during the meeting.

II. Revisiting whether Tricia, Harvey and Lindy should look into \$7k issue

Nicole G. moved that Harvey, Lindy, and Tricia reach out to former Board member(s) to conduct an investigation on a volunteer basis which will include any information already gathered. The motion was seconded and passed with 6 yays, 1 nay and 1 abstention.

III. Revisiting Google server/email issues

Miriam moved that if Roseni wants us to leave Google workspace we allow her to and to encourage her to look into the current document sharing abilities on Memberleaps. There was a general consensus that in the future, routine office administration decisions will be made by Roseni and the President collaboratively. The motion was seconded and passed with 5 yays, 0 nays and 2 abstentions.

IV. Continuation of discussion on alleged silencing and mistreatment of Executive Director

C. Motion for “close re-examination of the history of the amended NELA/NY Rules”, including examination of “whether we have created a position that is tantamount to having a super Board member.”

Miriam moved that the part of this agenda dealing with Roseni be dealt with as the other issues dealing with Roseni's harassment complaint. Miriam further moved that the item having to do with the new position not be investigated by former Board members. Miriam further moved that we develop a process for creating new positions involving decisions by the Board and input by Roseni. The motion was seconded and passed with 6 yays, 1 nay, no abstentions.

D. Motion re allegation of “Possible board statement on potential for defamation claims arising from listserv statements.”

Cyrus was not present to make his motion.

E. Motion re: allegations of “Locksley, Laurie, and Roseni” communications with Special Hagan” re: \$7k expenditure “and/or the temporary ED, and whether, as in Cyrus’ opinion Special appears to have suggested in her emails, Special has been intentionally used as a backchannel for one or all of them to anonymously criticize and/or attempt to damage the reputation of the board and/or any individual board member(s) via the listserv – including but not limited to regarding the temporary ED position – as well as an investigation into the source and/or purpose of the board documents said were left at her door – and the reason they were sent to Special if true.”

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V. Proposing SJ Opp Drafts Review Committee

Laurie wants to start a committee on summary judgment opposition – helping each other to read, to edit, etc. She said volunteers should contact her. Lindy is interested.

VI. Revisiting Elections: Vacancy, Announcement Deadline

Announcements were made for Board elections.

VII. Meeting Minutes

Amy will circulate draft meeting minutes for August and September via email for edits and/or comments.

VIII. Adjourn