

**NELA/NY**  
**Emergency Board Meeting**  
**September 21, 2021 at 3 pm**  
**Via Zoom/Telephone**  
**Minutes taken by Amy Hong**

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

Quorum: Yes (8)

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 pm.

**II. Election of New President**

Tricia confirmed that the Board is the entity that selects the new officer and the new Board member when they become vacant. There was a discussion about making requests for nominations from membership for the new Board member, about how there is no need to have a Board member elected before electing a president and that there is no deadline. There was general consensus that the election of the new president will take place at a later date and time.

**III. Marjorie's Statement of Resignation**

Nicole G. drafted a statement from the Board. Marjorie also wrote a letter and is willing to receive some feedback in her letter. There was a discussion about how much feedback the Board would provide to Marjorie. Nicole G. moved to contact Marjorie to request that our preference is that one paragraph come out. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Tricia added edits to Nicole G.'s draft statement from the Board and moved that the Board's statement re: Marjorie's resignation make clear that the Board elects members but the membership and the Board can submit nominees. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

**IV. Special September 23, 2021 Meeting, Laurie**

The members who made complaints indicated they will not be attending the September 23, 2021 meeting and that they were not interested in private conversations with the Board either. It was unclear whether or not the member whose conduct was complained about will be attending. The Board discussed the proposed meeting schedule/process, the listserv rules and the remedies they provide and whether membership fees should be refunded for the period of time the member is suspended. Locksley volunteered to facilitate the meeting if all parties appeared and was given the specification of charges. The Board discussed the staff member who was also harassed and discussed whether we can add the staff issue as part of the meeting

agenda. There was a motion for the statement regarding membership complaints to be sent to membership. The motion was seconded with 7 yays, and 2 oppositions.

**V. Miscellaneous, Roseni**

Roseni is ready to pitch the Gala to sponsors and asked Board members to refer leads to her.

Laurie asked to help promote Transperfect's discounted deposition transcript fees for NELA Members.

There was a motion to increase / authorize the expenditure of \$3,500 for the Fall conference. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

There was a discussion about the Tidbits Panel and the need for help with the panelists in light of Marjorie's resignation. Amy volunteered to cover and help the panelists prepare for the Fall Conference and to stay on top of the panelists for bios, materials, etc.

**VI. Adjourn**