

# General Meeting Minutes 12/3/2020

Quorum achieved - 35 members present.

Charlie Granger, the President of DSOA, opened the meeting and laid out the agenda.

- Statements by VP candidates Kassra O. and Steven S.
- Paul Norat, the Election Commissioner, about the election process
- Right to appeal

## **Speeches by VP candidates**

Kassra Oskooii had his statement as a VP candidate for the membership.

Steven Shorah addressed the membership (due to technical issues with his microphone, his address was delayed and was after Paul Norat's points about the election process).

## **Election Process**

Paul Norat the Election Commissioner talked about the new process on how the election process will be working. The new system was set up, it is called Election Buddy. The election will last 3 days, and Paul Norat will work with the Secretary when the email is sent out to the membership from the program for everyone to vote.

## **Right to Appeal by the Accuser**

The membership discussed whether it is appropriate for the decisions being appealed by the members who submitted a complaint.

The membership approved the motion by Ritchie Molaison to include into the voting dealing with the right to appeal Judicial Committee decisions by Nino, and if it is not possible to include, then we set a second vote up for the following day. The motion seconded by Kyle R. (amended by Ritchie for the part "if it is not possible to include multiple items to vote on")

(Zoom vote on Motion 1: 22 yes, 15 no)

The membership approved the motion made by Paul Norat that every member can appeal any decision made by any committee in DSOA, including Executive Committee decisions, at any time in the future. Spencer seconded.

(Zoom vote on Motion 2: 27 yes, 6 no)

Once the membership decides, there are no more appeals after that.

Spencer Gland and Mike Vincent clarified that they did not resign because of Nino DiRienzo or his accusations. (Their previous positions Secretary and President, respectively)

Allowing membership to take a vote on the issues puts a quick end to the issues, and allows the organization to continue with focusing on training and bettering officials.

The Assignor/Treasurer had the floor and spoke about feeling personally attacked by the accusations.

### **Recommendations by the Judicial Committee**

1hr16min The membership approved the motion made by Bill Lynch to approve the eight recommendations made by the Judicial Committee back in August as suggested/stated to move forward with the organization. (This motion was seconded by Spencer Gland and Kassra Oskooii).

(Zoom vote on Motion 3: 21 yes, 12 no).

Any of the voted recommendations can be appealed individually.

Several members disagreed with the motion, wanting to vote on them in either one-by-one manner, or create a committee to work on them first, prior to any vote. The discussion continued for over ten minutes prior to voting on the above motion.

Paul Norat as Judicial Committee member specified that the recommendations were not meant to be as the final document but as the principles to be adopted by the Organization, and then implemented by using these principles by a working group to create/edit policies in the By Laws as needed.

### **Treasurer Resignation (Withdrawn)**

Immediately after the vote on the recommendations, Rich Robertson first resigned and then withdrew his resignation from the position as the DSOA Treasurer, due to the recommendation of no two positions held by the same person.

After the initial announcement of resignation, the membership suggested taking time to think over the decision, as there is a provision to finish the term. It was also asked to provide help to the next Treasurer (which Mr. Robertson refused).

### **Code of Conduct**

The President asked for volunteers to meet over the winter as a committee to develop the formal Code of Conduct for the organization. Volunteers are to let Charlie Granger know.

### **Checks Payments**

Everyone will get paid by a check from TD bank in the mail. This voids Arbiter fees.

The President verifies all payments. Schools have started paying. The first wave of checks went out on November 30 and scheduled to arrive around December 7-8.

7:50pm - Meeting adjourned.