

Treasurer Nomination Meeting Minutes

1-21-2021

Charlie Granger, the President of DSOA, opened the meeting at 7:06pm.

Mark McKenzie laid out the meeting's structure and agenda:

- Candidates' Statements
- Open Floor for Q&A with Candidates
- Voting Process

Candidates' Statements

Each candidate was given five minutes to address the membership. The order was determined in alphabetical order.

Doug Adamson shared his statement. He spoke about his credentials and aspirations. He reinforced the commitment of his professional life as a financial person, and emphasized his financial experience helping small organizations to thrive.

Doug Adamson's priorities:

1. Serving the membership
2. Partner with the DSOA leadership to improve day-to-day procedures and processes
3. Build a very transparent transactional system
4. Involve members

John France shared his statement. John has also shared his experience that involved also being a Treasurer, and working at non-profit organizations.

John France's priorities:

1. Maintaining the established processes:
 - a. Referees get paid
 - b. Invoicing the schools' properly
 - c. Issuing 1099s on time
2. Transparency - budget created and published for membership, financial reporting
3. Preparing a succession plan
4. Not getting paid for the position - instead, the fees to be paid to the clerk who will do "nuts and bolts" (i.e. paying the referees)
5. Spend time on community involvement as part of the Executive Committee

Open forum discussion

The Vice President shared the statement about Mr. Frances' platform creating a clerk position, which is inconsistent with the DSOA Constitution.

The candidate John France answered the questions from the membership about who the clerk would be (Rich Robertson), how he came to the conclusion of using a clerk to do the job (use somebody who already knows the system, and for transparency), and not getting paid to avoid the conflict of interest.

Membership had a lot of questions and concerns about delegating Treasurer work to a clerk. Especially in the light that the proposed clerk already occupies the position on the Executive Board as the Assignor. The major concern is that it would go against the recent recommendations accepted by the membership (Note: the membership recently voted to disallow any member to hold more than one position on the Executive Board to avoid the conflict of interest).

The candidate Doug Adamson talked about transparency, doing all Treasurer work himself (without a clerk), about separation of duties being paramount to avoid conflict of interest, and answered questions. Mr. Adamson will work on ensuring the policies and procedures get updated for more clarity and transparency, improving transactional efficiencies, reviewing ways that may help with the growth of the existing funds, like investing and other ways.

Next Steps - Voting Process by Mark McKenzie

The voting starts at 9pm (Thursday, January 21), and closes at 9pm on Sunday, January 24. Members will receive an email from ElectionBuddy, the software used for DSOA elections, with instructions and a voting link.

Doug Adamson made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Kyle R.
The meeting ended.