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**RULES & ELECTIONS COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
UNAPPROVED**

October 4, 2010 – 7:15 p.m.
Los Feliz Community Police Center
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1. Call to Order. Quorum Check.

-The meeting was called to order at 7:16pm

-Present are Hyams, Kornberg, Mauceri, DeMonte, DeOcampo

2. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

-There were no public comments

3. Approval of Minutes from September 1, 2010

-Kornberg moves to approve minutes

-Mauceri seconds

-passed by consensus

4. Creation of a special Rule of Order defining Secretary's parameters for submission of meeting minutes (tabled from Sept. 1 meeting) Discussion and action as appropriate.

-Mauceri opens discussion. Suggests that when the Council wants to go against Robert's Rules, we need to create a "special rule of order"

-Kornberg asks Mauceri to clarify what will be accomplished by the "special rule of order"

-Mauceri indicates that the Board has never settled on a direction or parameters for minute taking, ie whether it should be just actions taken or an abstract. He further clarifies that this rule is needed for future practices as well as current,

-Kornberg confused by what current policy is.

-Hyams says there is no current policy and it's the Secretary's choice. Explains that the word "publish" is subjective

-Mauceri MOVES a SPECIAL RULE OF ORDER

The Secretary is charged with recording and compiling the meeting minutes for Board approval.

The Secretary shall attempt to capture not only actions taken, but selected abstracts of the debates in order to provide a summary that captures the spirit of the discussions so to provide a clear account of the meeting's proceedings for the public record and subsequent reference.

-Hyams seconds

-passed by consensus

5. MOTION TO CREATE A STANDING RULE:

"All committee chairs must maintain a complete and up-to-date list of committee members, submitted to the Secretary and updated immediately upon any additions or resignations. A record of committee members shall be permanently kept by the Secretary and made public through the GGPNC website.

-Tor MOTIONS the above.

-Kornberg seconds

-Mauceri explains we have acted on assumption, not a rule or bylaw and so we need to have a rule to clarify for everyone.

-Mauceri MOVES to amend as follows

“All committee chairs must maintain a complete and up-to-date list of committee **members and their contact information**, submitted to the Secretary and updated immediately upon any additions, **changes**, or resignations. A record of committee members shall be permanently kept by the Secretary and **their names** made public through the GGPNC website.

-No objection to the motion to amend.

-Hyams asks if there are any objections to the motion as amended.

-DeMonte abstains.

No objections to motion as amended

-Motion passes

6. MOTION TO CREATE A STANDING RULE:

All publically noticed meeting agendas must be submitted to the Secretary before, or at the time of their posting. The Secretary shall be responsible circulating said agendas to the entire Governing Board preferably through e-mail.

-Mauceri moves to debate

-DeMonte likes the idea

-Kornberg lies the idea

-Mauceri MOVES above motion

-DeMonte seconds

-No objections

-Motion passes by consensus.

7. Discussion of appointed Board representative seats regarding associated committees.

Discussion and action as appropriate.

-Hyams explains that there are Board members acting as Committee Chairs who were either not appointed to those particular seats or, if they were appointed, the minutes do not reflect said appointments. Hyams specifically sites Rosemary DeMonte for the Business Committee, Tomas O’Grady for the Green Committee and Sarah Napier for the Education Committee. Hyams further explains that a Board member who was appointed to a particular seat such as Education or Business as dictated by the GGPNC Bylaws does not de facto hold the Chair for the committee of the same name and that the only way for an individual to be appointed to chair a committee is to petition the Executive Committee for that appointment.

-DeMonte doesn’t understand why we’re going through this. DeMonte thinks that appointed representatives should automatically be chairs of the committees of the same name.

-Mauceri clarifies intent of Bylaws vs. actual rule. Anything else is purely assumption.

-DeMonte suggests that bringing this up now is an effort to disenfranchise the whole Board.

-Hyams suggests that DeMonte should attempt to rewrite the associated Bylaw and present her reworking of the Bylaw at the next R&E meeting.

-DeMonte agrees with Hyams and says she will gladly work on that.

8. Creation of an organized-by-topic format for the Standing Rules, Policies & Procedures document of the GGPNC.

-Discussion on categorizing Standing Rules

-Hyams suggests rules should have associated consequences.

-Discussion of topics for document

-Mauceri agrees to email Hyams the topics and Hyams agrees to cull together the document with associated topics for the next R&E meeting.

9. Discussion of existing Bylaws and possible changes and/ or amendments thereto.

-Hyams requests that the committee begin to look at amending the Bylaws in a substantive way. Hyams further requests that committee members bring suggested Bylaw revision to the next R&E meeting

10. Other Comments and Announcements

-Mauceri wants to clarify whether Code of Civility was ever adopted by the Board.

Mauceri MOVES that Code of Civility be adopted by the Board itself

-DeMonte seconds

-Motion passes by consensus

11. Adjourn

-DeMonte moves to adjourn

-Mauceri seconds

-Meeting is adjourned at 9:13pm