

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL VOTF BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING ON MARCH 7, 2008

Introduction

At 7 PM on March 7, 2008, BOT Chair Bill Casey convened a special meeting of the Trustees to reach closure on an announcement about certified election results and next steps in reviewing the invalid votes cast during the recent election.

In attendance by conference call were Dan Bartley, Bill Casey (presiding), Ron DuBois, Mary Pat Fox, Elia Marnik, Jayne O'Donnell, Jim Post, and Dan Sullivan.

Absent were John Hushon and Dave O'Brien.

Bill Casey declared a quorum with 8 Trustees present and received approval from all present to waive the notice required for a special meeting and committed to seek a waiver from John Hushon and Dave O'Brien (since received).

Resolution

Dan Sullivan introduced, and received a second, for the following: Resolved, that the Board of Trustees accepts the certified vote totals reported by Campus Vote and validates the election of Dan Bartley as President, Janet Hauter as Vice-President, Kevin Connors as Treasurer, and Julie McConville as Secretary, effective March 15, 2008. The resolution passed 8-0.

Ratification of Officers

Mary Pat Fox reported that outgoing Secretary Gaile Pohlhaus believes that the BOT must ratify the new Officers based upon what the BOT did two years ago. When no one could recall the basis for ratification, Mary Pat agreed to send the BOT documentation from prior BOT minutes for later consideration by the BOT.

Announcement

Bill Casey proposed text for an announcement from the BOT to the members about certified election results, its commitment to review a variety of complaints, and a report to the members on its findings. He also proposed sending the announcement after he and Elia Marnik briefed the Elections Committee the following evening. After adopting a few edit changes, the Trustees agreed to send the announcement immediately after the briefing of the Elections Committee March 8, 2008.

Election Complaints

Bill Casey proposed and the BOT agreed to a 4-member committee of Trustees (Casey, DuBois, Marnik and O'Donnell) to lead a review of complaints from members, candidates and others about the election experience, including lessons learned in an anticipated post-election report from the Elections Committee. The BOT also agreed that the committee and Executive Director should identify 2-3 potential independent experts that the BOT could engage to review the source of the invalid votes as a means of trying to identify security weaknesses in VOTF's election processes. The BOT also agreed to submit a report to the members on its findings about election complaints in as timely a way as possible. The committee will report its progress at the next BOT meeting on March 25, 2008.

The BOT concluded the meeting at 8:05 PM.

Minutes prepared by Bill Casey.