

VCCNE Special Meeting for Board of Directors Election

April 8, 2018

Convened at 11:15am at Eastern States Exposition Center Springfield, MA.

Board Members present: Charlie Mielcarek, Cheryl Mielcarek, Amy Balogh Warner, Mark Cauley

Board Members absent: Anne Corrigan, Deadra Doku-Gardner, Debra Robison-LaRocca, Jake Dodge, Britta Lena Lasko

17 members present (including Board members) Attendance was taken by Cheryl Mielcarek

Charlie called meeting to order. Stated purpose of Special meeting to hold election for the Board of Directors and one Bylaw change.

Announced the calculation of Quorum based on 86 active members. Resulted in count of 17.2 members needed for 20% of membership vote. Recommendation to proceed at 17 members voting, all replied yes except for two members who deferred to the Boards decision.

The floor was opened for comments. A member was concerned whether lifetime members were included in the membership list. Charlie initially said yes but asked Cheryl for verification. We asked member for names that he thought could be on the list. Cheryl checked and confirmed that the 3 names were absent from the list. Assuming that these 3 members were missing from the list it changed the quorum needed to 17.8 members for voting. Charlie again queried all assembled to proceed. Two different members made the point that you can't have .2 or .8 of a person and the last whole number should be the Quorum total. Query to the membership again to proceed with election was 15 members yes and 2 members deferred to the Board to proceed. The Board members present agreed with the Members to proceed.

Charlie asked if there were any nominations from the floor. Tristan Boscardin nominated Daniel Zilka for the position of Treasurer. Charlie stated that he could be only nominated for an at large position. This was contested Tristan and Daniel. Bylaws were consulted, the language was not clear in the bylaws but in the interest of moving forward the Board present agreed to let the nomination stand and members present agreed to continue.

Daniel was given the floor in order to state his qualification and vision for the club going forward. Several members asked Daniel about his efforts and volunteerism to support the club. Daniel responded to the questions asked with his personal qualifications and activity within the club and also provided a filled out nomination questionnaire to

whomever wanted a copy. Some discussion followed regarding levels of participation in club activities for being effective Board Members.

At this point due to time constraints, for many of the members present, we proceeded with the election. Charlie announced and spelled Daniel's full name. Numbered ballots were handed out to members at random, filled and returned to a sealed ballot box.

Members: Lee Cauley, Anne Murrock and David Stephens took charge of tallying of the votes.

The new Board of Directors is:

President - Charlie Mielcarek

Vice President - Tristan Boscardin

Recording Secretary - Debra Robison LaRocca

Corresponding Secretary - Patsy Dahlinghaus

Treasurer - Cheryl Mielcarek

Board Members - Amy Balogh-Warner, Deadra Doku-Gardner

Ballot Question for proposed change to Bylaws to change term for Elected Officers and Directors to Two Years from previous one term passed 14 in favor, 2 not in favor, 1 abstain.

Before the meeting was adjourned a member stated that not enough notification given to members by mail with regard to the Bylaw change proposal.

The Meeting adjourned at approximately 12:00 Noon.