

FLOAT CONFERENCE

Board Meeting #18
August 6, 2019 | 2 pm - 3:30 pm PST

Quorum Present

Present:

- Ashkahn Jahromi (President)
- Gloria Morris (Secretary)
- Kevin McCulloch / Jake Resch
- Sean Lavery / Jesse Ratner-Decle
- Jocelyn Jester (Operations Team)

Absent:

- Graham Talley
 - Andy Larson (Treasurer)
 - Tom Fine
 - Jamie Phillips / Matthew Smith
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Agenda:

1. **Vote to approve last meeting's minutes (Official Vote)**
 2. **General updates**
 3. **One change to our Bylaws (Official Vote)**
 4. **Anyone know of a designer that can make us a T-shirt design?**
 5. **Time/structure for the In person board meeting at the conference**
 6. **Travel expenses for board members who are speakers**
 7. **Board elections coming up**
 8. **Discussing potential sub-committees for board members next year**
 9. **Closing Comments**
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1 - Vote to Approve Last Meeting's Minutes

Vote on Minutes from July 9 meeting: *Unanimous Approval*

2 - General Updates

We are looking for a camera operator to help us out with the conference. Any ideas? Kevin has a suggestion!

Graham and Ashkahn's talk about the conference - Does anyone have any ideas for what specifically to include. Here are some things they were considering: City Application, positions that seemed hard to fill this year, Board shoutouts, etc.

Conference Update

Attendee count, sponsors, and room count update was given.

3 - One Change to our Bylaws

We made an amendment to allow mobile voting easier that doesn't appear to fit within Oregon's regulations for non-profits. So now we are voting to revert the language back to the original wording.

Vote on Changes to Bylaws: *Unanimous Approval*

4 - T-shirt Graphic Designer?

We are looking for a t-shirt designer to help design the conference t-shirt for this year.

There is a question as to why we don't use the same person and we are just looking to see if anyone has any ideas. We of course love Kathryn's work in the past!

We also have an idea to have a local Denver artist design a shirt, so that idea is working too.

5 - Time/structure for the In person board meeting at the conference

Operations Team has started working on this, but we wanted to get a feel for what people were expecting. We weren't really picturing having like a *meeting* but instead more of a "hang out and get to know each other" type activity. Gloria agrees and no objections.

6 - Travel expenses for board members who are speakers

Ashkahn wants to confirm this, although we talked about it before. In general, should a board member who is also a speaker have their hotel and travel covered by the Float Conference?

General comments are yes, this is what we do for invited speakers, so this is what we should do for Board Members who are also speakers. There are no objections.

7 - Board elections coming up

Board Applications are live until next week. We currently have 7 applicants, not including the current members that are up for reelection.

Ashkahn wonders if we need to discuss before we vote? Or just vote? Jesse says it seems like a good idea to discuss before voting.

Logistically, Ashkahn suggests we use a process that is a bit more official and robust than other elections we have done. Through his research, he has found Election Buddy, which he thinks is a good option. There are options for how anonymous this should be. Jocelyn suggests that she can be the one that can see who has voted to make sure that everyone has voted, so that Ashkahn doesn't have to be the one that can see everyone's votes. Ashkahn likes this idea and there is general agreement

After we chose the new board members, we will then need to do another vote for the new President, Secretary, and Treasurer for the following year. Ashkahn wanted to bring this up to get people thinking about this moving forward.

Any other questions?

It would be super helpful for everyone to read through the applications before we meet next to make sure everyone is on the same page. Ashkahn will send a reminder after the applications are closed.

8 - Discussing potential sub-committees for board members next year

Ashkahn has been thinking a lot about the future of the conference. We spent a lot of time this year dealing with administrative things because we are just getting started, which will free up a lot of space for us next year. Ashkahn was thinking it would be helpful to have the Board help with more creative things like parties, stage design, and sponsorships. This would look like having 1-3 board members that hop on the phone once a month or so to brainstorm and help with these individual projects separate from the regular board meetings. The Podcast is the closest thing we have to this currently.

Agreements all around.

Any other thoughts about how we work as a board and how we might adjust moving forward? Ashkahn described who is handling which projects this year and that it would make sense to have "big picture" thinkers to help with different aspects of the conference. This seems to be well received and this is something that we will look into doing next year.

9 - Closing Comments

Next Meeting: August 20, 2019 from 2 pm - 3:30 pm PST

Meeting Adjourned: 3:03 pm