

# FLOAT CONFERENCE

**Board Meeting #17**  
**July 9, 2019 | 2 pm - 3:30 pm PST**

## *Quorum Present*

### **Present:**

- Ashkahn Jahromi (President)
- Gloria Morris (Secretary)
- Tom Fine
- Kevin McCulloch
- Matthew Smith
- Jocelyn Jester (Operations Team)

### **Absent:**

- Graham Talley
  - Andy Larson (Treasurer)
  - Jake Resch
  - Jamie Phillips
  - Sean Lavery / Jesse Ratner-Decle
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### **Agenda:**

- 1. Vote to approve last meeting's minutes (official vote)**
  - 2. General updates**
  - 3. Bylaw changes (Official Vote)**
  - 4. Publishing Bylaws and Procedures on our website (Official Vote)**
  - 5. Board member applications opening soon**
  - 6. Travel expenses for board members who are speakers**
  - 7. Update on speakers**
  - 8. In person board meeting at the conference**
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### **1 - Vote to Approve Last Meeting's Minutes**

**Vote on Minutes from June 18 meeting:** *Unanimous Approval*

## **2 - General Updates**

As mentioned on the last phone call, we received our IRS tax exempt approval, which has allowed us to file our 990. We were able to do the postcard version, since we didn't really have any income last year. So we are all set until next May!

### **Conference Update**

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

We have hired Esther, who has worked with the conference before to start helping with some registration and other projects.

### **Suggestion from Tom**

Tom thinks there may be some benefit to reaching out to scientists in the area. Maybe ask Flux or Justin for ideas on who to reach out to about that.

Ashkahn suggests we may be able to put a link or an ad on the clinical floatation website to see information about the conference.

## **3 - Bylaw changes (Official Vote)**

Ashkahn wrote up the changes that we discussed.

We changed "2 years" to "2 conferences" and the same for when Board members are voted on, from "1 year" to "1 conference." We changed the term limit to 3 terms, with 1 as a break before returning as a board member. We changed to the rank voting process. We changed wording that we will use "The Danger Rules" for decision making (as we already discussed.)

There's another section that previously said that we could pass something for everyone to sign. Ashkahn adjusted it to be a bit more realistic for us implement - writing up an explanation and board members agree or disagree in writing.

Open for Questions

**Vote on Changes to Bylaws:** *Unanimous Approval*

## **4 - Publishing Bylaws and Procedures on our website (Official Vote)**

Ashkahn thinks it would be nice if we post our Bylaws and Procedures on our website.

**Vote to post our Bylaws and Procedures on the website:** *Unanimous Approval*

## **5 - Board member applications opening soon**

Based on our rules, we will be electing new members in mid-August. As a reminder, Matt and Tom had volunteered to be up for reelection. We would like to launch nominations soon to get ready for this and see how many people are nominated prior to the conference.

Ashkahn was imagining explaining about how much time one would be expected to give and asking them to tell us a little about the person.

Gloria has given a lot of great examples! Many people are on board to make the Application a bit more complicated to make sure anyone applying/nominating is super interested.

## **6 - In person board meeting at the conference**

We are looking at different times that might work to have a meeting at the conference. Options looking good are Thursday evening or Friday Morning.

## **7 - Update on speakers**

Kevin to give an update!

We had a group of four speakers that we decided to reach out to based on the votes that we received.

Dr. James Walker - Air Force; is in!

Dan Price - Is in!

John Torn - snippet of John Lilly play - he's in!

Dr. Matt Driller - is still considering feasibility of getting to Denver from New Zealand.

## **Update on Podcasts in relation to speakers**

Matt and Gloria are finishing up some final logistics they are putting together to get podcasts rolling. They are almost ready to start scheduling.

## **8 - Travel expenses for board members who are speakers**

Ashkahn thinks we should set up a standard procedure for Board Members that are speaking in regards to paying for travel expenses. Based on the system we set up, any board member that is speaking is a round 2 speaker, so that system may be the way to go.

Topic added to next call for official decisions.

## **9 - Closing Comments**

**Next Meeting: July 23, 2019 from 2 pm - 3:30 pm PST**

*Meeting Adjourned: 3:09 pm*