

Meeting Summary for Todd Eklof's Personal Meeting Room

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Quick recap

Todd welcomed John Miller, the new editor of the editorial board, and discussed the progress of the Naua provisional board. The team also discussed the upcoming yearly Summit, with Terry providing an update on the registration numbers and Candace suggesting to ask for an accurate estimate of attendees for a dinner event. The team also discussed the implementation of new bylaws for their organization, focusing on the nomination process for board positions and the process of nominating and voting for board members.

Next steps

- Terry to fix the broken link to the bylaws on the website.
- Stephen to collect missing bios and send them all to Terry.
- Terry to prepare and send an email to members and subscribers with announcements, a link to the bylaws, and bios of nominated board members.
- Todd to continue seeking a replacement keynote speaker for the summit.
- Todd to update the summit schedule to remove Steve Hassan's name.
- Candace to introduce the Provisional Board members at the beginning of the annual meeting.
- Todd to moderate the annual meeting and address any nominations from the floor.
- Board to formally approve the slate of 11 nominated board members.

Summary

Naua Provisional Board Progress and Summit Update

Todd welcomed John Miller, the new editor of the editorial board, and discussed the progress of the Naua provisional board. He mentioned that the board has been operating under provisional bylaws, awaiting approval from the members during their first annual meeting in October. Todd also expressed excitement about the contacts and awareness of Naua among the international community, as reported by Bruce during his recent trip to Eastern Europe. The conversation ended with Todd initiating a discussion about the upcoming yearly Summit, with Terry providing an update on the registration numbers. There were 59 people registered online and 54 in-

person attendees confirmed for the event in Spokane. Todd mentioned he would be inviting additional attendees and using his discretionary funds to register them. Mike added that there was another straggler who was online. Lynn asked about the registration cut-off date, to which Terry responded that there hadn't been any direction on this yet. Candace clarified that there was a way to register attendees on the day of the event, suggesting that the number of in-person attendees might increase as the event date approaches.

Discussing Event Budget and Attendance Tracking

The team discussed the need for an accurate estimate of attendees for a dinner event, with Candace suggesting to ask for this information at their upcoming meeting. The budget for the event was based on exact numbers for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, with a suggestion to pad the budget slightly. The team also discussed the revenue from registration fees, with Candace explaining that Joyce Kinnear was overseeing the budget and Terry was providing the number of registered attendees. The team agreed that the event was looking good for breaking even. Lynn expressed a desire to attend the upcoming meeting to better understand the budget and revenue tracking. The team acknowledged the need to learn how to track donations and registration fees, but for now, they are focusing on approving the costs of various aspects of the summit.

Amending Bylaws for Democratic Board Nominations

The team discussed the implementation of new bylaws for their organization, focusing on the nomination process for board positions. They acknowledged that the current process, which involved the board acting as a provisional nominating team, was not in line with the bylaws. The team agreed that the bylaws should be amended to allow for a more democratic process, including the opportunity for members to run for board positions and provide input on the bylaws. However, they also recognized that the first year would be an exception due to time constraints and the need for expedience. The team agreed to continue refining the process for future meetings, ensuring that members have a legitimate path towards running for board positions and providing input on the bylaws.

Board Nominations, Voting, and Moderator Discussion

Todd, Lynn, Mike, Terry, Stephen, and Candace discussed the process of nominating and voting for board members. They considered the possibility of someone nominating themselves from the floor and the need for a

moderator for the meeting. They also discussed the potential for a contested race for board positions. The group agreed that Todd, as the President, should be the one to address any issues that arise during the meeting. They also discussed the possibility of adding a clause in their bylaws to allow for people to petition for a board position. The conversation ended with the understanding that there are 11 board members, with one open seat.

Board Member Nominations and Election Process

The team discussed changing the process for nominating and electing board members. Stephen suggested the proposed bylaws allow members to nominate themselves, while Todd expressed concerns about having separate votes for each candidate. They decided to maintain the nominating committee's selection process for this year's election. For future years, Lynn proposed establishing new rules to allow member nominations. Terry will provide the proposed bylaws and candidate bios to members. Todd also mentioned an unspecified summit issue he is working on.

Cancelling Steve Hassan's Keynote and Finding Alternatives

Todd discussed the cancellation of Steve Hassan's keynote address at their event due to pressure from some acquaintances. Todd expressed disappointment but decided to move forward, reaching out to other potential speakers. He mentioned that he had received several recommendations and was in the process of finalizing a suitable keynote speaker. Stephen suggested that the board should formally approve the nomination of the selected speakers. The board agreed to adopt the proposed slate of 11 individuals as their slate for Board of Trustee members.

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