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Minutes of the DRBF Board of Directors Meeting Friday, August 11, 2006

A DRBF Board of Directors meeting was held by conference call on August 11, 2006 with the following participants: William B. Baker(V), Peter Chapman, Jim Donaldson (V), Peter M. Douglass (V), Jack Feller (V), Harold V. McKittrick (V), John Norton (V), Marianne Ramey (V), Robert A. Rubin (V), Robert J. Smith (V) and Jack J. Woolf. Larry Delmore, Steve Fox, and Ann McGough participated by invitation. The following BOD members were unable to participate: Romano Allione (V), Armando Araujo(V), Bernard Becq (V), William W. Edgerton (V), Gordon L. Jaynes (V), Daniel F. Meyer, and Gwyn Owen (V).

Note: (V) represents voting Board members.

Nomination Committee and Election Ballot

President Hal McKittrick read through Article 9 Section 2 of the Bylaws as a review to the committee's make-up and purpose. The members of the Nominating Committee are: Jack Woolf (chair), Jack Norton, Jack Feller, Bob Smith and Peter Chapman. The Bylaws currently state that new directors are elected at the Annual Meeting. This year, the plan is to distribute a ballot to all members in advance of the meeting (hopefully bringing a broader vote). The ballot will offer the chance to vote on new BOD members and any proposed bylaw changes.

Jack Woolf reported on the proposed candidates. The committee is also strongly recommending a new non-voting position (or positions) that would be "Founder, non-voting." Bill Baker said he supports the slate and the formation of the "founder" role. He noted that Bob Smith and Joe Sperry are the only ones who would qualify, and both are worthy.

It was noted that the idea is that the "founder" position would have the same status as a past president. If it was a voting position, it would be the only permanent voting position (not elected). A move was made in favor of the "founder, non-voting" proposal, which passed unanimously.

As for the ballot, Jack Woolf will work with Ann McGough beginning Wednesday to get the ballot completed so that it can be mailed with the *Forum*.

Bylaw update

Bob Smith will send exact wording for Bylaw modifications for secretary and treasurer, membership grades, Founder position, and appointing authority by the middle of next week.

Annual Meeting

Bob Rubin reported that just a few names need to be secured for some of the sessions, but that the agenda is essentially complete. President Hal McKittrick noted that he is in discussion with David Gehr to chair the panel on Saturday morning and will let the committee know. Ann McGough noted that the promotions to internal and external



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audiences are underway. Steve Fox stated that he mailed a letter to all DRBF members at the beginning of August, and that so far about 15 people have signed up.

International Issues

As a follow up to previous discussions about the need to focus on the DRBF's international needs, President Hal McKittrick reported that he and Jack Woolf are flying to London Sunday to meet Monday and Tuesday with the international resident board members contingent in a "workshop" format to discuss how the Foundation can best proceed. He stressed that the goal is to hear all points of view, and to distribute any conclusions and/or recommendations to the complete Board for discussion and examination so that by the October meeting there will be some concrete issues to discuss and vote on.

Other Business

President Hal McKittrick gave a brief overview of the financials. There is a lot of potential for workshops coming in between now and the end of the year. The general conclusion is that the DRBF financials are on track, although we still need to watch our pennies. The Conferences are on track, thanks in part to the positive success of the International Conference.

Pete Douglass noted that expenses are running higher than expected. Steve Fox said that some is from payroll tax changes, some is printing costs, and some was due to the hiring of a consultant for the International Conference (which all agreed was money well spent).

It was noted that membership figures are flat this year, slightly under target, and that more detail on the financials will be presented at the next Board meeting.

The meeting concluded at 1:00. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 8, 2006 by conference call.

Meeting Minutes submitted by Ann McGough.