

Meeting Jul 11, 2022

Meeting Began at 8:03 EST

Approve Last Meeting Minutes

Kylie Madden moved to approve the last meeting minutes. Alanna Kwoka seconded the motion. Last meeting minutes were approved.

Vote on Request to withdraw: Danielle Santana Denrich, Ursinus

Members wishing to dissolve their bonds with the Society can do so by writing to the national headquarters with a request. The board must approve each request to withdraw.

Ashley Taylor brought up how sudden this vote is. The board was not given much notice or background information. Kylie Madden asked what information could be shared with the board, if any.

Chris Jackson responded, saying the specific information about this request to withdraw was confidential, but he could say it was based upon interpersonal issues.

Mike Blitzstein acknowledged there was a potential communication issue with how ex comm brought this information to the board.

Ashley Taylor expressed a continuing concern about the way ex comm kept information and the lack of transparency on this issue.

Mike encouraged the board to ask questions, but re-emphasized the confidentiality concerns. Ex comm was unable to share the request to withdraw, but offered to as the withdrawing sibling to allow the statement to be shared or to submit a new high level statement

Isa Martinez suggested CARE and Chapter Services could/should let the board know if there's an underlying issue at the chapter or if this seems to be a discreet instance. Isa wanted to be sure we empower CARE and Chapter Services to take any potential issues seriously. She said she would appreciate a high level summary in the future, but we can't go back in time, so for this instance we must settle with what little info we have.

Zachary Wilson also expressed that the board should be looped in a bit more in the future.

Melissa Diaz pointed out that each situation is different. There are sometimes instances where Chapter Services/CARE/Ex comm are aware of a big issue at a chapter. There are other instances where people just want to desibling.

Mike Blitstein said if we want to accept this resignation and then ask if the withdrawing individual would be willing to provide a statement, that could be fair.

Irissa Cisternino moved to accept the withdrawal, Isa Martinez seconded. Withdrawal approved.

Financial strategy call summary

ADPS July 2022 - Tax Liability Summary for Board

Laura and Mike presented on society's conversation with accountant. After the presentation (attached), the floor was opened for questions.

Isa Martinez asked if it is okay that we are not amending past tax filings. Laura answered, in short, yes.

Alanna asked if there are other pieces around financial planning we should be thinking about and ways we want to use income that also came to light from the meeting? She also asked if the society sells stock often/can we hold back to make financial planning easier? Laura responded saying that there isn't really anything else to discuss. Regarding the stocks, we do not sell often.

Ashley Taylor confirmed that it's not worth it to do back taxes according to the accountant.

Mike Blitstien said there are 12 IRA auditors for 501C7s that only look for big red flags. Amending 8 statements is a red flag. Proactive fixes are not a red flag. It's smarter to not amend.

[DISCUSSION] Restarting undergraduate national involvement

Undergraduates' formal roles in the national organization include the Undergraduate Governors, the Undergraduate Caucus, and the Undergraduate Parliament. The Governors are four voting members of the board, established in the Society Constitution. The Caucus is a twice-annual meeting of student members, whose functions include electing Undergraduate Governors for a one-year term. The Parliament is a coordinating body, which, among other roles, is empowered by the national board's by-laws to define processes for selecting Undergraduate Governors.

At present, all four Undergraduate Governors stand in vacancy; the last Undergraduate Caucus was in March of 2021, so the term of the Governors elected at that meeting ended in March of 2022. The board's by-laws delegate filling Undergraduate Governor vacancies to the Undergraduate Parliament. The Undergraduate Parliament is not in a good position to coordinate the election of new Undergraduate Governors, because it has been inactive for some time and all known previous participants in the Parliament have now graduated.

As a step toward reconstituting these institutions, the national organization will organize elections for Undergraduate Governors at the August Convention. Recognizing that this is not what our formal rules prescribe, we believe it to be our best way forward.

Thom Clark said if we do elect undergrad governors all at once, we should do it for staggered terms. He also pointed out that we frequently elect seniors and allow some to roll past their graduation date. He asked if we should we limit that.

Zach Wilson agreed with Thom. He thinks we should elect all four governors and it should be for staggered terms. He doesn't know what the election process should look like, and is uncomfortable with the board making any decisions where we break the rules/bylaws of UP. He thinks that we should make a short term fix as opposed to long term election procedure changed for UP.

Isa Martinez couldn't recall whether undergrad governors are nominated. She suggested undergrads should caucus and vote on undergrad governors at convention all at once.

Kylie clarified that we already set the time aside for an undergrad caucus in the convention agenda.

Chris Jackson asked if there are enough undergrads to run caucus. He would love to make idea work, but is not seeing the engagement necessary.

Mimi Walczuk suggested reopening 2021 Caucus as a loophole.

Mike direct replied that we can't reopen a previous session, nor have previous UP leadership run caucus, but we can maybe give undergrads the guided space to do their own election. We may hold the gavel, but we'll make sure the undergrads can make the decisions. A good policy might be adding to our bylaws that the president can fill UP positions in the short term going forward. We will have to gavel, but they'll hold the power.

Dena Schwartz pointed out that normally UP governors are elected based on who is at the convention, and asked if we can we let people dial-in given circumstances.

Zach Wilson said we have elected via a gotomeeting back in the day. We're more equipt now to do things remote, so we likely can have a dial-in option. Zach pointed out that people are working on the bylaws aspect of this over the next month.

Meeting concluded 8:58 PM EST

Attendees: Irissa Cisternino (CAP '18), Kari Dahlen (BRN '96), Melissa Diaz (BRN '11), Christopher Jackson (MID '20), Alanna Kwoka (BRN '10), Kylie Madden (CAP '17), Isa Martinez (BRN '17), Dena Schwartz (PENN '13), Ashley Taylor (GRN '13), Zach Wilson (BRN '12), Tyler Zickmund (BRN '22), James Aykit (PENN '21), Mike Blitstein (BRN '03), Thom Clark (BDN '99), Jenna Strickland (Flint '26), Laura Hellwig (CAP '16), Mimi Walczuk (BING '20),