

REPRESENTATIVE POLICY BOARD

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

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MEETING TRANSCRIPTION

Naomi:

Okay. First of all, I want to thank everybody for coming this afternoon and taking the time out of their schedule. So I guess we could call the meeting to order. So everyone, the safety moment is up. Everyone take a moment to read it and let's just all be careful about knowing that there's so many pesticides out there, but also knowing that we're going to be doing, I'm quite sure everyone is, partaking in all kinds of fruits and vegetables during this season, so just be careful. Make sure you're washing them and handle everything correctly, that kind of stuff. Okay?

Brian:

Yes. For my former career, washed your fruits and vegetables. I used to test fruit and vegetables for pesticides.

Naomi:

Oh. Are there a lot out there, Brian, on this ...

Brian:

Yes. Particularly strawberries and stuff like that. So always rinse them off well, if you're buying that. Yes.

Naomi:

Okay. Thank you. Okay, we'll move on to our next item on the agenda. And that's going to be reviewing and discussing the bylaws for appointing the officers. Has everyone had a chance to read that, or everyone I'm quite sure got a copy?

Brian:

Seems pretty straightforward to me.

Naomi:

Okay. Mark, how about you and Michelle? And Jay?

Mark:

It's straightforward. I've been on these committees before, it's pretty straightforward. It's just the length of time on the committees and different positions. And this board right now has three members that have been on for many, many years. Different positions.

Jay:

[inaudible 00:03:14] with everything that was presented to us. Yes, for the meeting.

Michelle:

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I'm familiar also.

Naomi:

Okay. Thank you. Okay. Our third item on the agenda is a discussion of possible candidates for the officers of the Representative Policy Board.

Brian:

I got a question. Did anybody throw their own hat in the ring you by email to you or Jennifer?

Naomi:

Yes, they did. Would you like me to ... Jennifer, do you have the names up or do you want me just to say the names?

Jennifer:

Well, I have them here, but if you have them, that's fine. You can-

Naomi:

Okay. I have Jamie Mowat Young, I have Charles Havrda, I have Bob Harvey, Tim Slocum, Steve Mongillo, and Jay Jaser.

Brian:

Good group.

Jay:

And I'm looking to serve as treasurer, as I have in the past. This is Jay.

Mark:

How many years you been on, Jay?

Jay:

On the board of directors? [inaudible 00:04:37]

Mark:

No, on the treasury.

Jennifer:

Jay is on his last year. It'll be three years after this year. He'll be done after this year. He'll have to change.

Mark:

Weren't you something else before that?

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Jay:

Yes, I've been on the board for 15 years and I've served two terms as treasurer, I believe. And my position is if someone has submitted their name for treasurer, that would be fined by me. Otherwise, I'd be willing to continue with the position, having the background I have in business and especially banking.

Mark:

Jay, were you something else on the board? Some other officer?

Jay:

I'm sorry, say it again?

Jeff:

He was chair of the Finance Committee.

Mark:

He was chair of the Finance Committee?

Jay:

Yes. When I first came on the board, I was chairman of the Finance Committee. That's correct, yes.

Naomi:

Okay. So currently we're looking for all the positions. It would be for the chair, the vice chair, the secretary, and possibly the treasurer. So do you want to know what I have as far as people that have expressed interest in those positions?

Mark:

Yes.

Jay:

Yes.

Naomi:

Okay. As far as chairperson, I have Bob Harvey, who has expressed an interest. For vice chair, I have Steven, I have Tim, and I also have Charles.

Jay:

I'm sorry, could you do that again for me? You went a little fast? We got Bob Harvey for the chair and the others, you have three names for the vice chair?

Naomi:

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Yes.

Jay:

And they would be again, please?

Naomi:

Oh, they would be Steve.

Jay:

Okay.

Naomi:

Tim.

Jay:

Okay.

Naomi:

And Charles.

Mark:

Isn't Tim Slocum the Finance Chair now?

Naomi:

Yes. But he's coming off.

Jay:

Yes.

Mark:

Yes. All right.

Jay:

And then Tim's looking to ...

Mark:

I think that Steve Mongillo has been around for a long time and I think he'd make a good vice chair.
That's only my opinion.

Jay:

Yes, I can agree with that.

Brian:

I certainly think it was only Bob Harvey, who is the only person who thrown himself in the ring for chair, moving up from vice chair to chair is probably a good succession, preparing for things. And Bob, I think would do a good job as chair.

Mark:

And [inaudible 00:08:04] has been vice chair before and he never wanted to move up to chair. And I think he's been secretary before, and I think he was maybe treasurer at one time too. I don't know. He's been on the Executive Committee for a long time. So I think there should be a change. I mean, maybe just because they want it and they haven't reached a term, three different positions. I think he maxed out at vice chair, if I'm not mistaken. And I think, what is he secretary now, [inaudible 00:08:38]?

Naomi:

Yes, he's currently the secretary.

Mark:

Yeah. So I think I'd like to see, it's only my opinion, but I mean if we're all talking about it, I mean, I'd like to see Steve Mongillo and I would put him forward for vice chair. And as far as secretary, I don't know what we should do with that. But Tim Slocum's good. He's the finance person, so I would really think he'd be good for treasurer.

Brian:

What was Jamie interested in, Naomi?

Naomi:

Jamie was interested in any position where we needed her to fill in, if nobody else took it.

Brian:

Okay. Because I like Jamie. I think she could do a good job. And Tim, when he said that he was interested in vice chair, not so much treasurer?

Naomi:

Yes, right. He said vice chair.

Mark:

Well, he is the Finance Chairman now.

Naomi:

Because is the finance, right.

Mark:

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So I think he would make good chair. I think he, yeah. He can't be anymore on the finance. I think it'd be good to keep him on the executive committee. I think he really has input for the Executive Committee. That's only my opinion, again.

Brian:

No, he does. He does. He's very thorough.

Naomi:

Yes, he is, very.

Brian:

And Jay, you don't mind stepping down off of the treasurer position, is what you're saying?

Jay:

No, I said that's what I represented. Yes.

Brian:

Well, I would have no problems with offering the treasurer to Tim, but we should find out if he would be interested in serving in that position, if he asked for vice chair, [inaudible 00:10:29].

Naomi:

Right. Okay.

Mark:

Somebody should call. Yeah, maybe Madam Chair, if you want, or I'll call him, whatever you want to do. If anybody volunteers to make phone calls to different members, I don't mind doing it.

Naomi:

Does it have to be during this meeting?

Mark:

No, no, no.

Naomi:

Okay. I would-

Mark:

I suggest that we ask if they're interested for those positions and then have another meeting.

Naomi:

Okay. But we still need a-

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Mark:

That's what I think.

Naomi:

... a secretary.

Jay:

I didn't hear who would be designated for secretary? Do we have that person?

Brian:

Well, I would suggest Jamie, see if she [inaudible 00:11:13] position.

Naomi:

I would think Jamie.

Mark:

Yes.

Jay:

I'm sorry. Who would be the secretary designated?

Mark:

Jamie.

Naomi:

Jamie.

Brian:

So if that board went forward with those four people, executive, let me throw this out just as a question.

Naomi:

Okay.

Brian:

That would leave only one person in the current executive committee who was on the previous executive committee.

Mark:

That's right.

Brian:

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Is that a good idea or is it better to have some new blood and some old, a little bit more new blood and some old blood? In which case [inaudible 00:11:59]

Mark:

Well, Steve Mongillo's on the Executive Committee and Tim Slocum's on the Executive Committee, only because of their chairmanships from the other committees.

Naomi:

From the other committees.

Mark:

So you still have people that had been on the Executive Committee.

Brian:

Okay. I didn't realize that you're considered on the Executive Committee, if you're chairman of one of the other committees.

Mark:

If you're chairman of the finance, consumer affairs, or land use, you're on the Executive Committee.

Naomi:

Yes, consumer affairs. Right.

Brian:

Okay. So then we do have people who have been on the executive for a while still there.

Naomi:

Right.

Brian:

That would've been my concern.

Mark:

And Bob Harvey, he deserves it just for, you need somebody that has as much Executive Committee experience to be chairman and he's the only one that really wants to be chairman.

Naomi:

Jeff, any comments?

Jeff:

No. They're all very good candidates. Very good RPB members. They would all do a very good job in the positions that you're considering them for. Thank you.

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Naomi:

Thank you. And the other thing, in doing so, as far as the committees are concerned, do they get appointed once the committee is put together? Is that how it's done?

Mark:

The committee votes on its own chair, I believe.

Naomi:

Right. Okay.

Brian:

Yeah. Once the committees get going up again.

Mark:

Chairman appoints the committees.

Naomi:

Okay.

Mark:

Everybody puts in what they want to be for.

Naomi:

What they want to be for. Okay. Michelle?

Mark:

I don't think we're getting a new person, a new representative for Mario, because he's not going to be on the RPB anymore.

Naomi:

RPB, right.

Mark:

[inaudible 00:13:42] Where is he from? North Branford? Branford?

Brian:

Branford, I believe.

Naomi:

Branford. Michelle?

Michelle:

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I agree with everything discussed already. I'm good with all that.

Naomi:

Okay. Okay. So do you want me to reach out to the ... I could reach out to our perspective candidates, or what do you want me to do?

Mark:

Do you want me to reach out?

Brian:

I would reach out to each of the candidates saying, "We're considering you for this, if you're interested in that." And if they all four are okay with that, I don't know that we need to meet again, just if they're not okay with it, then maybe we need to meet again.

Naomi:

Then we would have to meet again. Correct. Okay. Jennifer?

Mark:

I think we have to meet again, just to have a-

Jennifer:

If you're going to vote to recommend [inaudible 00:14:35].

Mark:

Yes, have a vote.

Naomi:

Okay.

Mark:

It needs an official vote.

Naomi:

Yes.

Jay:

Could we get the marching order again from the top down that we would be voting on?

Mark:

We're not voting on anything right now.

Jay:

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We got Bob Harvey for chair?

Mark:

Steve Mongillo.

Jay:

And then Steve Mongillo for vice chair?

Naomi:

Then Tim Slocum.

Jay:

Tim for treasurer. And for secretary?

Naomi:

Jamie.

Jay:

Jamie. Okay.

Mark:

It makes that board a little co-ed now.

Brian:

All for diversity.

Mark:

Yes.

Naomi:

That's right.

Jay:

Okay.

Naomi:

Okay. While we're here, once I do this, what would be a good next time for us to meet? If everyone could take a look at their calendars.

Mark:

Well, didn't Jennifer give us some dates for the meeting? Jennifer, do you have those other dates that you put down?

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Jennifer:

First ... Was it the sixth?

Naomi:

I thought it was ... Wasn't it the fifth? I thought you said, or sixth. One of those two days.

Mark:

No, sixth, I can't do it. Sixth, no good. It's a Tuesday. Nothing on a Tuesday.

Naomi:

Nothing on Tuesday for me either. Can't do Tuesdays.

Brian:

I can do the fifth.

Jennifer:

Can you do the eighth? Just because I need some time to notice the meeting.

Mark:

Yes. Eighth is fine with me. [inaudible 00:16:29]

Jennifer:

Okay. That's a Thursday.

Brian:

As long as it's at five o'clock. I have a potential other meeting at 7:30, but I would think this would be just as short as this one. So that shouldn't be a problem.

Mark:

Jennifer, is that land use? Were we meeting on the eighth?

Jennifer:

No, land use is on the 14th.

Mark:

Okay.

Brian:

No, it's a town meeting, Mark.

Mark:

Oh, you're town, huh?

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Brian:

Yes.

Jay:

Would it be proper to make the motion to-

Mark:

No, can't. Not yet.

Naomi:

No.

Jay:

... approve the committee's selections, and follow up with chair to tell them their positions?

Mark:

No, we're going to ask them, Jay.

Jay:

If they're willing to accept their position, is that it?

Brian:

Yes.

Mark:

Yeah.

Naomi:

Right. Yes.

Brian:

Tell them what we've considered them for.

Naomi:

Right.

Jay:

Okay.

Naomi:

Okay.

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Mark:

So the meeting's the eighth at five o'clock?

Naomi:

The eighth at five o'clock.

Jennifer:

Is that good for everybody? Jeff, is that good for you too?

Mark:

You want me to call anybody or you want to call?

Naomi:

I'll call. I don't have a problem.

Mark:

Okay.

Naomi:

Thank you very much, Mark, for the offer.

Mark:

No problem.

Naomi:

So are we saying five o'clock on the eighth?

Brian:

Yes.

Naomi:

Anything else on here? That's it.

Jennifer:

That was it.

Naomi:

That was it. So I want to thank everybody for coming and I will reach out to these candidates.

Brian:

I'll move to adjourn.

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Mark:

Second.

Naomi:

Thank you very much. Everybody have a great evening.