

Langley Alumni Association
Minutes of the Called Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, August 23, 2021

Call to Order and Meeting Overview: Damodar Ambur called the August 23rd Langley Alumni Association Board zoom meeting to order at 11:00 AM.

Attendance: A quorum (14) of voting members and proxies was present: Damodar Ambur, Geoff Tennille, Linda Bangert, Dan Palumbo, Duncan McIver, Pete Jacobs (proxy for Ray Whipple), Mike Marcolini, Charles Laney, Doug Morris, Olaf Storaasli (proxy for Jarek Sobieski and Rick Ross), and Vicki Crisp.

President's Report: Damodar stated three objectives for this special meeting of the Board: (1) Approve the minutes from the July meeting; (2) Decide whether or not the September picnic should be held due to Covid concerns; and (3) Discuss the question of having a remote Board member serve as Vice-President was feasible because of the VP's additional role as Chair of the Programs Committee, which includes organizing the Holiday Luncheon, Annual Picnic and Field Trips, like the LAA had earlier in August.

Damodar called for a motion to accept the July minutes as submitted. A motion was made and seconded to accept the July Board Meeting Minutes as submitted and passed by unanimous vote.

Programs Report: Dan Palumbo announced that members were concerned about the upcoming picnic because of the recent surge in COVID19 cases in the area. He also noted that Donis Anders was having staffing problems because of the pandemic. Linda Bangert made a motion to cancel the September Picnic because of the pandemic, which was seconded by Geoff Tennille. The motion passed unanimously and Olaf Storassli was instructed to post a notice on the LAA Website that stated the September Picnic was cancelled by the Board because of COVID concern. Dan then noted that this cancellation put the September General Membership Meeting back on the schedule and gave some options for the September program. Dave Reubush was scheduled for an October presentation that could be moved up a month. Manjula Ambur suggested that have more LAA members talk, even for just 10 minutes, might be a good change of pace and give more people a chance to talk to the group. Dan agreed to pursue that option for 2-3 speakers at the September meeting. Discussion of the Holiday Luncheon was tabled until the next LAA Board meeting. Damodar mentioned that he reserved the Olde Port Cove clubhouse as an optional venue for the December 14th luncheon.

Nominating Committee Report: Dan Palumbo reported that he had two candidates interested in becoming LAA Vice-president, but that both were non-local, which raised the issue of how a remote Vice-president could be effective as the Program's Chair. In the LAA By-Laws, the function of Program's Chair is assigned to the Vice-president, unless the President assigns the Chairmanship of the Program's Committee to another individual, with approval from the Board. Another possible solution would be for the Vice-

President have a local member serve as Vice-chair of the Program's Committee. After some discussion the Board agreed that being a non-local member would not prevent that member from serving as Vice-president and any issues that arise will be addressed during the year.

Damodar suggested that we should also be looking for a person to replace Dan Palumbo as Chair of the Nominating Committee, since Dan will be a candidate for LAA President in 2022.

Adjournment of the Board Meeting With no further business, Damodar adjourned the August 23rd Board Zoom meeting at 11:45 AM.

Next Board Meeting: The next Board meeting will be a Zoom meeting on Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at 1:00 PM. Call-in information will be sent to members in advance of the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Ross, LAA Secretary