

DID Executive Committee Meeting
April 28, 2008
PJ Charlton Restaurant

Present: Executive Committee members Sean Sweeney, Jim Stratton, Shea Hovey, Diane Stein, David Reck, Jean Grillo, Linda Belfer, Adam Silvera, Diane Lapson, Marc Ameruso, Tom Goodkind, Catherine McVay Hughes, Julie Menin, Julie Nadel, Richard Lehrer, Peter Gleason, Barry Skolnick, Susan Barrie, Allan Horland; other members Pat Moore, Elliot Silber, Andy Neale, Don ?

Club Business:

- Fundraiser invitations were passed out and each member was encouraged to take 3-4 to give out.
- There was a discussion about whether or not to use mail ballots for club elections
- Two meeting dates were agreed upon by a motion that passed unanimously:

Wednesday, May 28, 2008 for Party endorsements

Wednesday, June 4, 2008 for DID club elections

Diane Lapson agreed to check the availability of the Community Room at Independence Plaza. David Reck will call the Judicial candidates and Jean Grillo and Adam Silvera will call the other candidates. Written and e-mail messages will go out. Sean Sweeney will compose the announcement and David Reck will take care of getting the message passed onto the DID list. A motion was passed to include a note about recommended amendments to the DID bylaws in the June meeting.

Approval of Valid Members List:

- It was agreed that members who were in good standing in 2007 would be allowed to vote if they paid their dues on May 28, 2008 or June 4, 2008.
- Members who last paid their dues in 2006 or earlier would have to wait before being able to vote: 3 months if they lived in the club's district and 6 months if they lived outside the district.
- A suggestion was made that we should make sure that all checks go to the Treasurer.

Nominations/Nominating Committee:

- Nominations are to be made at a General Meeting, not at an Executive Committee Meeting.
- Eric Goia, who is running for Public Advocate, would like to meet with the club in mid-May. Due to the fact that we had agreed upon the May 28th date for the party nominations, the Executive Committee suggested inviting all the electeds to the meeting on May 28, 2008.
- There are 5 club officer positions open:
 - President (1)
 - Vice Presidents (2)
 - Secretary (1)
 - Treasurer (1)

- There was a discussion about whether to have two Secretaries: a Recording Secretary to take the club minutes and a Corresponding Secretary to send out notices and correspondence. It was suggested this be amended in the bylaws.
- The Executive Committee is open: It was suggested that the current members of the Executive Committee come to the May 28, 2008 meeting a half hour early. There was a disagreement about whether the Executive Committee was too large and unwieldy versus those who felt it should be an inclusive group.

Prospective Changes to Bylaws:

- Section V – 1 a: Nominations shall not be held at the same meeting as elections. There should be sufficient time between nomination meeting and elections. “Sufficient time” was not defined. It was suggested there be a minimum and maximum time allowed.
- A member who is in good standing will be allowed to vote. Any member in good standing in the previous year (e.g., 2007) will be allowed to vote upon payment of dues. A member whose membership has lapsed more than one calendar year will be allowed to vote 3 months after dues payment if the member lives within the district and 6 months if the member lives outside of the district. New members will be allowed to vote 3 months after payment if they live in the district and 6 months if they live outside the district.
- It was suggested that the date the check is presented to the club be the arbiter, and whether the Treasurer should get a stamp and also save the envelopes that the checks are sent in. It was also suggested that the Treasurer give out a receipt.
- It was also suggested that the Treasurer send out a notice ahead of time about dues payments coming due.
- There was a discussion about whether paid membership be the criteria for being part of the club. The majority of the Executive Committee expressed the opinion that members should be in good standing in order to vote.
- There was a proposed bylaw change that the Annual Election Meeting be held in March or April rather than in January or February, due to the cold weather.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Stein, Secretary, on April 30, 2008.

