

Date: 10/19/2024

Time: 9:30-10:30 am

Location: *To be held digitally using Zoom Meeting*



Attendees: Van Quach, Nicole Lapeyrouse, Brian Mosby, D K Weerasinghe, Denisia Popolan-Vaida, Michel Johnson, Duy Le, Stephen Smith

Minutes:

- Approve minutes from September 2024 meeting.
 - Michel made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 21st, 2024 executive committee meeting, and Van seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.
- Update from Alternate Councilor (Michel)
 - Michel advertised the national newsletter promoting a 30% discount for membership renewal until November 2024 and the \$1000 initiative awarded to the local section with the most renewals.
 - Discussed the membership renewal fee waiver opportunity for Florida residents who experienced hardship due to impact(s) from Hurricanes Helene and Milton.
 - Confirmed receipt and shipping of floor display to Atlanta for use in SERMACS 2024 (Michel will attend SERMACS 2024). This will also be utilized as a display for the local section during SERMACS 2025.
- Update from Treasurer (Van)
 - Confirmed use of the local section's PayPal account to collect/process sponsor payments for SERMACS 2025
 - Updated the committee on costs totaling \$322.55 to support the September 2024 membership meet-up.
 - Processed a payment of [REDACTED] for shirts to use at the upcoming NCW outreach event.
 - Nationals disbursed [REDACTED] of local section dues.

- Update from Chair-elect (Brian)
 - Nominations have been made for all 2025 officer positions with the exception of chair-elect. Meetings have been scheduled with prospective candidates to discuss the nature of the chair-elect/chair position.
 - Coordinating with the exec. committee to formalize a teller for the official reporting of election results.
 - Discussed hurdle for international students not currently working in the country (lack of SSN) to initiate background check required for volunteer efforts at outreach events, notably NCW 2024.

- Update from Chair (Stephen)
 - Relayed information from the awards committee that no award nominations have been received as of October 15th, 2024.
 - Updated the committee of behalf of councilor's (Darlene and Laura) on the need to distribute bylaw amendments to voting members and certify results before the December 2024 deadline. This discussion continued in the general elections update offered by the Chair-elect (Brian).
 - Opened discussion on plans for the acquisition of local section signage for general use at local section sponsored/affiliated events. Executive committee agreed to track down the existing sign in possession of previous officers. Contingency plans were made to acquire new signage if needed and that this agenda item would be tabled until the next meeting pending an update on the successes of locating this sign/banner.

- Miscellaneous
 - Duy opened a discussion to continue the use of 3rd party resources (ElectionBuddy) for voting in the upcoming officer elections and bylaw ratification. Committee agreed that consolidation of election voting and bylaw ratification into a single voting ballot would be most efficient for members and also reduce financial costs associated with the service.
 - Denisia updated the committee on the newly confirmed date for the NCW 2024 event at the Orlando Science Center (November 2nd, 2024). A formal announcement confirming this new date will be distributed to members. Sixty (60) volunteers reached out expressing interest and fifty (50) have completed the required background check as of October 19th, 2024.
 - Duy confirmed a total of nine (9) submissions for entry into the 2024 NCW Poem Contest have been received as of October 19th, 2024.

- Meeting adjourned at 10:31 AM.