

IGDA Board Minutes
March 17th, 2010

Called to order at 12:04 p.m. EST adjourned at 12:54pm EST

Board Members in Attendance:

Gordon Bellamy, Tom Buscaglia, Jane Pinckard, Darius Kazemi, Rodney Gibbs, Brian Robbins, Tobi Saulnier, Erin Hoffman, David Edery, Brenda Brathwaite, Mark DeLoura, Jamil Moledina, Tim Train, Coray Seifert, Wendy Despain. Wendy and Coray present but joined after the meeting called to order.

Board Members Not in Attendance:

Also Present:

Joshua Caulfield, Joe Sapp, Chuck Sapp

Agenda

- Elect officers for 2010-2011 term

Motions Summary

- 12:19pm Motion to nominate Gordon Bellamy as chair by Tobi, seconded by Mark.
- 12:20pm Motion to nominate Brian Robbins as Secretary by Tobi, seconded by Tom.
- 12:22pm Motion to nominate Tobi Saulnier as Treasurer by Tim, seconded by Darius.
- 12:42pm Motion by Tom to approve minutes from Nov 2009, seconded by Gordon. Approved unanimously
- 12:43pm Motion by Tom to approve minutes from Dec 2009, seconded by Mark. Approved unanimously.
- 12:44pm Motion by Tom to approve minutes from Jan 2010, seconded by Brenda. Approved unanimously.
- 12:45pm Motion by Tom to approve minutes from Feb 2010, seconded by Brian. Approved unanimously with Tobi abstaining.
- 12:50pm Motion by Tom to adjourn. Seconded by Tobi.

Elections Summary

- Gordon Bellamy elected to chair by unanimous decision. Wendy and Coray not present
- Brian Robbins elected as Secretary by unanimous decision. Wendy and Coray not present
- Tobi Saulnier elected as Treasurer by unanimous decision with Tom abstaining. Wendy and Coray not present

Next meeting

Wednesday April 14th at 12:00 PM EST; 9:00 AM PST

Submitted by Brian Robbins, Secretary of the Board

Meeting Notes and Action Items

Election of Officers

- Tobi is stepping down as chair but has been preparing Gordon and Mark for the last few months as standard succession planning
- Gordon was nominated for chair
- Mark also nominated to be chair, but has declined the invitation
- Tom registered complaint that the sitting chair would nominate their successor.
- Secret ballot was discussed and agreed to be waived for anyone running unopposed
- Gordon spoke about desire for IGDA to assume responsibility and return to the reasons it exists
- Gordon elected as chair, and Tobi passed the gavel to Gordon at the result of the election
- Brian nominated to be Secretary
- Brian indicated he has time and willingness to serve, and has shown dedication since joining the board
- Brian also indicated a desire to step back from a couple other responsibilities in favor of other board members stepping up more.
- Brian was elected as secretary
- Tobi nominated to be Treasurer
- Tobi discussed her understanding of the role, and willingness to do what is needed to properly fulfill it.
- Tobi was elected as Treasurer
- Discussion of having the Vice-chair position extended an additional 6 months
- Tobi felt it would help with overall IGDA leadership and support as well as helping to ensure the chair had strong support throughout the year.
- Would also give Mark (assuming he remained vice-chair) a stronger position when negotiating with potential IGDA partners
- Concerns were raised that this is not within current bylaws and would necessitate a change to the Bylaws
- Gordon asked for a proposal to change the bylaws which could be addressed at the next meeting.
- Gordon also interjected to reinforce the need for civility at board members in response to some of the discussion at this time.

Board Off-Site

- Some questions about the need for this, with the response of strong support from those that had previously attended. Generally these offsites are felt to be critical to the success of the IGDA
- Concerns were raised about cost and it's impact on the IGDA. Currently board members can be reimbursed for costs related to attending, though

board members who can afford to do not need to ask for a reimbursement for their travel.

- Location was discussed. Last year this was in Chicago, but San Francisco may be cheaper due to less hotel and travel costs.
- A smaller group was formed to determine the most cost effective location.
- Joe Sapp will distribute a calendar to the board to determine availability of everyone for a weekend in April or May

New Business

- Brian brought up the P&M committee and desire to have that group rebooted.
- Indicated that he felt it is perhaps the most critical to the org as it is responsible for all the work and support given to SIGs and Chapters.
- Some discussion was had, with the majority to be held immediately following the board meeting