

ADOPTED JUNE 7, 2023

Pacifica National Elections Committee Meeting, 8:30 EST, Tuesday, May 3, 2023

MINUTES

Convened: Convened at 8:41 pm, EST by the Committee Chair. (There were some difficulties connecting everyone to the correct zoom link.)

Attendees: The Secretary called the roll and confirmed quorum with the following committee members present: Teresa Allen, Violetta Diamond, Jack De Palma, Vanessa Dixon Briggs, Eleanor Elizabeth Forman, Eric Jacobson, Evelia Jones, Lily Kimura, Sean Kelly McPherson, Myla Reson, Shawn Rhodes, Minerva Sanders, Akio Tanaka, Carol Wolfley, Susan Young. There were no absences. PNB Chair Julie Hewitt and Pacific ED Stephanie Wells also attended. Otis Maclay streamed the meeting. Myla Reson also recorded the meeting.

Election Chair and Secretary: Mr. Tanaka reported the results of the ballot to elect committee officers: Akio Tanaka elected to be Committee Chair and Susan Young elected to be Committee Secretary.

Report from PNB Chair and Pacifica ED: Julie Hewitt reported that 2022 election was postponed due to financial insufficiency, that the current financial situation is still grave, and that election planning must take that into account making the process as cost effective and time efficient as possible. She also reported that several contacts had been made to engage a National Election Supervisor (NES) and none so far have worked out. She recommended that as much get done as possible by management in preparation for the NES to conduct the election. A possible motion was discussed with points of order (not ruled on by the chair) that no motion should go do the PNB because the PNB does not select or engage the NES and that no employee may serve as the NES. All committee members were requested to make recommendations regarding NES options. Eric Jacobson recommended Casey Peters, and Stephanie asked that Eric provide contact information.

Motion: Susan Young moved that the committee recommends that the ED initiate preliminary tasks that would be undertaken by the NES until the NES can be engaged so that the rest of the steps may proceed. 12 yes, 1 abstain, 1 no, 1 did not vote.

Report on Preparations: ED Stephanie Wells reported on steps management is taking to assemble correct membership and staff lists and an anticipated timeline for the election (appended to these minutes).

Motion to Adjourn: Susan Young moved to adjourn the meeting. There were objections. 11 yes, 2 no, 2 not voting. The meeting adjourned at 10:00 pm EST.