The Rosicrucian Fellowship MBM#8
Minutes of the Special Written Session Board Meeting of May 26, 2015
MBM#8 – 2015-05-26

# **Special Written Session Meeting References:**

Please read the reference material and the motions. Please reply within 24 hours your assent or rejection of the Call to Meet and by Friday midnight (California 24:00 PDT) your vote on the motions.

# **Nomination Requests to membership:**

Requests were sent via email and telephone asking for nominations to the board but no members were found willing to run for the office. **No requests were sent by regular mail**. [Note: Jean has stated that during the last few years, no qualified candidates were found using regular mail and that each recent year the candidates were found only by making telephone requests.]

## **Ballots:**

After receiving no candidates, and feeling the new bylaws would be passed soon, the election process was terminated. **Thus, No ballots were sent.** 

#### **Board Discussion:**

President, Patricia, thought the election had been discussed in a board meeting in July 2014 but Jean, Juan Javier Vesga, Louis Agbe and myself (Ross) did not remember this issue being discussed. Research on this issue was terminated with the conclusion that either we did not discuss terminating the election in a board meeting or only a casual remark about it was made.

## **Extension of Board duty for 3 trustees:**

Three trustees are scheduled to leave the Board in July. Juan Javier Vesga and Louis Agbe have agreed to extend their Board service until October 17th. Jean Claude Verdin has also been asked if he will extend his Board service time until October 17, 2015 but as of this date we have received no reply. [Later Jean Claude Verdin accepted. See results below.]

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In accord with Art. IV, Section 14 of our Bylaws:

"Please approve or disapprove this call for a Special Written Session within twenty-four (24) hours. If the call to meet is approved, your vote on the motion under consideration must be received no later than Friday, 24:00 hours, (midnight,) 29 May 2015 Pacific Daylight Time. If you exercise your option to vote on the motion when responding to this call you must also approve or disapprove this call for a meeting. When responding to this call or voting you must address all Trustees and the General Secretary simultaneously. A lack of response or a late response will be considered an abstention."

## Motions presented for vote during the SWS Meeting

## Motion 1.

Approve or Disapprove within 24 hours: Call for SWS regarding Trustee Election.

#### Motion 2.

Approve or Disapprove: To accept the offer of trustees, among the three July 2015 outgoing trustees, who agree to extend their service until October 17, 2015.

#### Motion 3.

Approve or Disapprove: As soon as is practical, after the ballots for the proposed Bylaws revision are counted (likely in mid September 2015), the Election Committee will find 1 or 3 candidates to be **appointed** to the Board. [Note: if the 2015 bylaws revision passes, the number of needed trustees will be 1. If the Bylaws revision fails, the number of needed trustees will be 3.]

#### Motion 4.

Approve or Disapprove: As soon as is practical, after the ballots for the proposed Bylaws revision are counted (likely in mid September 2015), a shortened election cycle will be initiated for 2016. The Election Committee will find 1 or 3 **candidates to be placed on the 2016 ballot**. [Note: if the 2015 bylaws revision passes, the number of needed trustees will be 1. If the Bylaws revision fails, the number of needed trustees will be 3.]

# **Results of votes during the SWS Meeting**

## **Results:**

- On June 27, 2015 Jean Claude Verdin accepted to extend his service as a Trustee till October 17, 2015.
- Final Tally as of Saturday, May 30, 2015morning:

Trustee	Meeting	Motion
James Noel	Approve Call	Approve Motions
Roberto Gomes Da Costa	Approve Call	Approve Motions
Juan Javier Vesga R.	Approve Call	Approve Motions
Jean-Claude Verdin	Approve Call	Disapprove Motions
Ross Duffel	Approve Call	Approve Motions
Louis Agbe	Approve Call	Approve Motions
Jean de Galzain	(Approve late)	Approve Motions
Franck Montero	(Approve late)	Approve Motions
Djissi Kangni	Abstain	Abstain (no email received)

8 votes were received:

Meeting: 6 votes Yes. 3 votes Abstain(2 late, 1 absent). Thus a quorum was obtained within 24 hours.

Motions: 7 Yes Votes, 1 No Vote, 1 Abstention. Thus 4 M	lotions carry.
Ross Duffel, Board Chairman	Jean de Galzain, General Secretary