

THE ROSICRUCIAN FELLOWSHIP

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

SPECIAL NOMINATION MEETING, MINUTES #19

Sunday, July 25, 2004 - 4:00 PM

1. **OPENING AND CONCENTRATION:** Dewey Ross Duffel, Chairperson, opened the Special Nomination Meeting of the Board of Trustees at 4:40 pm with a concentration on "Transformation".
2. **ROLL CALL TO DETERMINE QUORUM:** Mary E. Coleman, Michael Lissona, Virgilio Rodriguez, Dewey Ross Duffel, Peter Costanza were present, Francisco-Manuel Nacher was in attendance via telephone conference. There was a quorum.

Guests in attendance at Headquarters were Elizabeth and Ken Ray, Angela Ponce de Leon, Jewell Filion, Nadine de Galzain, Vilma de Castillo, Juanita Caamaño, Maria-Areli Montes, and Angela Murillo.

Acting as Secretary pro-tem in the absence of the General Secretary, Danielle Chavalarias took notes, recorded the minutes and transcribed them.

3. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA:** Additions to the Agenda are approval of the BOT Minutes 13, 14 and 15. #17 will be approved by e-mail; approval of the Ecclesiastical Council Minutes. The Executives Council Minutes 12, 13 will be approved by e-mail. Virgilio R. proposed the motion to approve the Agenda as amended. Mary Coleman seconded. The vote was unanimously in favor to adopt the Agenda as amended.
4. **ELECTION OF 4 CANDIDATES TO THE 2005 BOT:** Dewey Ross Duffel, Chairperson, opened the floor for nomination. The votes were counted by Danielle Chavalarias and the Chairperson and the results were as follows:
 - i) Mary Coleman nominated Angela Ponce de Leon and Allyce Bothmann;
 - ii) Peter Costanza nominated Maria-Areli Montes;
 - iii) Virgilio Rodriguez nominated Samuel Ikogou, Alexandra Porter and Vilma del Castillo. Samuel Ikogou was nominated as a replacement of Desiré Mpotani Keeler who resigned and had been nominated last year for the July 2004 election.
 - iv) Michael Lissona nominated Jamis Lopez.
 - v) Then a discussion followed that Alexandra Porter will be a 3-year Probationer in next October. Virgilio R. said that at the time of the election, Alexandra P. will be a 3-year Probationer.
 - vi) Paco said that it is in accordance with both bylaws. The former bylaws say:
 - a) **Article 3, Section 6. Qualifications of Directors.** All Directors shall be Probationers or Disciples for at least three years, and members in good standing of this

corporation, well grounded in and devoted to the principles of the Rosicrucian Philosophy, substantial persons in their community and of good moral standing.

b) And the new bylaws say, **Article 4, Section 3 Qualifications of Trustees.** All Trustees shall be Probationers for at least three years, and members In Good Standing of this corporation, well grounded in and devoted to the principles of the Rosicrucian Philosophy, and of good moral standing.

vii. Considerable discussion ensued regarding whether a candidate had to be a Probationer three years prior to nomination or only three years prior to taking office. It was finally decided that the three-year requirement applied to the date of taking office.

Virgilio kept his nomination.

viii. Ross D. nominated Edgar Anderson.

ix. The results were as followed: **Samuel Ikogou: 4 votes, Maria-Areli Montes: 4 votes; Edgar Anderson: 4 votes**, Alexandra Porter: **3 votes**, Angela Ponce de Leon: **3 votes** Allyce Bothman: 2 votes, Jamis Lopez: 2 Votes, Vilma del Castillo: 1 vote.

x. **Second votes results: Alexandra Porter: 3 votes**, Angela Ponce de Leon: 3 votes.

xi. After discussion, Virgilio Rodriguez proposed to vote on all the remaining candidates.

xii. The result was as follow: **Alexandra P.: 3 votes**, Angela Ponce de Leon: 2 votes and Vilma del Castillo: 1.

xiii. The new BOT candidates are: **Samuel Ikogou, Maria-Areli Montes, Edgar Anderson and Alexandra Porter.**

5. **2005 ELECTION COMMITTEE.** The following were nominated: Marie-Laure Steffens, Madeline Burgess, Fox Ngandu Badinganda, Isaida Camaras, Maria Mercedes Leiva, Michael Lissona and Maria Mangano. Peter moved that we approve this list. Virgilio seconded. The vote was unanimously in favor.

6. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

i. BOT minutes. Peter moved that we approve Minutes 13, 14, 15. Virgilio seconded. The vote was unanimously in favor.

ii. Ecclesiastical Minutes. Peter moved that we approve Minutes 20, 21, 22. Virgilio seconded. The vote was unanimously in favor.

7. **NEXT MEETING:** The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees will be on Saturday, October 16th 2004, at 9:00 AM.

8. **CLOSING:** D. Ross Duffel closed the meeting at 12:45 pm with the Student's Prayer.

Dewey Ross Duffel, Chairperson

Danielle Chavalarias, General Secretary pro-tem