

GYRO DISTRICT GOVERNORS
MINUTES OF MEETING JUNE 26, 2018
LAKE GENEVA, WI, USA

The meeting was called to order at 1013 hrs. by the chair, Blanton Bessinger, Gov DVII. Randy TARRIER, PDG DI recorded the proceedings. Present were Governors: Bryan Flanigan DI; Neil Baker DII; Brent Malfara DIII; Peter Evans DIV; Blanton Bessinger DVII; Larry Fenton DVIII; Roger Lindley DIX; Al Sinicrope (PIP) DX. Representing DVI Harold Barnard (PIP), and DXIII Larry Duba (PIP). Various other District officers attending: Ned Barber, Steve Anderson, Bud Barnaby, Bernie Saylor, Dan Durbin, John Hollendonner, Peter Carter, John Barber, Tom Meister, Jim Boyden, Chris Snyder (PIP), and Randy TARRIER.

The agenda was distributed and approved.

Old Business

A. The Bylaw governing club dissolution is in its final form and will be presented to BOG after this meeting. **B.** The candidate selection process is going well, with new candidates to be announced at annual meeting for secretary/treasurer, membership director, and 2nd VP. Emil Baijot will continue as Editor of the Gyroscope and Website Administrator. **C.** Discussion about the 8 WebEx Governors' meetings included concerns about connection problems, limits on number of people being on at one time, not having continuity for longer than one year (most districts have one-year terms). However, overall impression is that they should continue on a monthly basis. Part of the education session later in the meeting will be a hands-on demonstration. **D.** A report on data-base upgrade will be coming at the BOG.

New Business

A. The 2018-19 (May 1-April 30) Budget had been presented at BOG before this meeting. A question was raised about what positions were part of salary. The budget was approved. **B.** The issue of women being initiated as active members was revisited, per request of DVI and 1st VP Johnson. PIP Barnard (from VI) relayed good information that indicates several of the clubs are for this and are considering leaving Gyro over it, but not sure about how many current members

would leave. After a good bit of discussion, no motion was made. Therefore, no action was taken. **C.** The next item was a request from Duba (rep DXIII) that the minimal age for membership be changed from the current 21 years to 18 years of age. He reported that Japan's "age of majority" is 18, and their clubs are having some success recruiting young people as the club is a place to converse in English. After questions about liability for US clubs (was mentioned that 45 states allow alcohol consumption under age 21), Japan clubs will have own insurance policy—the motion was approved unanimously to move this on to BOG as recommendation. **D.** The next consideration was that of membership and possible dues increase. The PDG group recommended no dues increase at this time, but rather approach the issue from standpoint of developing a needed project (e.g. database upgrade), and make a case for the funding needed. Another project could be the website. One suggestion was that EC member travel to AGM be supported through a portion of registration fees for the meeting. A motion to reserve \$20 of convention registration to go to EC was made and seconded. After further discussion, the motion did not pass. **D.** The next discussion was whether the interim meeting should be reinstated. It was noted that bylaws allow EC to call an interim meeting as it determines. Opinion was that if an interim were called, that expenses for EC travel would not be reimbursed. Also, consideration of the AGM meeting's schedule have the district portion and GI portions be arranged separately so that less time was required for those wanting to attend just one portion. Duba explained that the 2019 AGM in Reno has been setup for 3 business days. No further action was taken. **E.** The next item was that any communication directly from EC to club presidents/members be copied ahead of time to district governors as a courtesy. **F.** The final item was that life members who have volunteered to pay annual dues not be sent repeated invoices nor be considered delinquent.

There being no further business, Roger Lindley (DIX) was elected chair for 2019 meeting.

Minutes prepared by:

Blanton Bessinger, chair

Randy Tarrier, recorder