

Fulcrum Publishing Society Board of Directors Agenda

Special Meeting

Sunday, March 15th, 2009 11 a.m.

Location: 631 King Edward, Business Office

Attendees:

Ross Prusakowski (President, Business Manager, voting member)

Andrew Wing (voting member)

Frank Appleyard (Editor-in-Chief, Chair of Editorial Elections Committee, ex-officio)

Nick Taylor-Vaisey (voting member)

Toby Climie (voting member)

Tyler Meredith (Chair, voting member)

Peter Raaymakers (voting member)

Scott Bedard (voting member)

Maria Rondon (appellant)

1. Opening of the Meeting

- 11:08am

2. Approval of the Agenda

- Ross moves
- Toby seconds
- Carried

3. Meeting

Ross provides the background and reason for the special meeting of the Board of Directors. According to a decision of the Editorial Elections Committee, Maria was not accepted as a candidate to contest the 2009-10 Art Director position because her application was submitted after the 5pm, Friday March 13 2009 deadline. As per the existing policy, Maria asked to appeal the decision which is the reason for the meeting.

Frank provides the BoD with a screen shot of his computer which shows his email inbox and with the time the email was received clearly. Frank notes that the platforms were due at 5pm, same as has been announced for all positions and advertised in the issues. Elections Committee made its decision to uphold the rules and baring proof to the contrary, thinks they should be upheld to prevent a slippery slope for rules enforcement in future.

Maria noted that she was working on email (platform) right up until the deadline. Said she clicked send on the email at 4:58pm but that her University of Ottawa

email account didn't show it was sent until 5:03pm. Maria wasn't sure if uploaded file size caused problems with sending of the email. Scott asks Maria if she was sure the email was sent at 4:58pm. Maria confirms that she thought it was.

Ross asks Frank to open his email account so they can check the server's time information. Frank does so and the account states it was received at 17:03:36 EDT.

Ross moves to go in-camera for deliberations.
Tyler seconds.

Tyler moves to go ex-camera.
Ross seconds.

Motion 1:

Scott moves/ Tyler seconds that the FPS Board of Directors strike an Investigative Committee to review this matter.
Defeated unanimously.

Motion 2:

WHEREAS, the FPS Board of Directors recognizes the language of the existing policy with respect to the submission of election platforms for Editorial Board elections is ambiguous and open to interpretation; and
WHEREAS, the FPS Board of Directors wishes to strengthen and clarify this policy going forward;

- (1) BIRT the candidacy of Maria Rondon for 2009-10 Art Director be accepted in light of exceptional circumstances.
- (2) BIFRT this decision shall not hold any precedence in any future discussions, decisions or appeals of the Board of Directors.
- (3) BIFRT Prior to the April Board meeting the Board of Directors (or their designated representatives) and the Editorial Elections Committee will devise a policy proposal on the wording of all elections related communications.
- (4) BIFRT this policy be referred to as the "clarity act." (4)

Andrew moves that this motion be voted on clause-by-clause.
Accepted as friendly.

Clause 1- 5 yes, 2 No (Ross, Andrew). Carried.
Clause 2 – 7 yes, 0 No. Carried.
Clause 3 – 7 yes, 0 No. Carried.

Clause 4 – 6 yes, 1 No (Ross). Carried.
Ross moves to adjourn.
Toby seconds.
Carried at 11:56am.