

Tech Valley Game Space Meeting Notes for 3/18/2018

The regular meeting of the Tech Valley Game Space Board of Directors was held on 3/18/2018 at 1:15pm.

The following members of the board were in attendance via Teleconference or in person:

Taro Omiya (Executive Director)

Frederika Edgington-Giordano (Secretary)

Sarah Lauser (Treasurer)

Jason Harlow (Chair)

John Ceceri III

Elavarasi Dharmalingham

Stephanie Jennings (Vice-Chair)

The meeting notes from last time were reviewed and approved.

The annual meeting was discussed. The meeting will be decided to be in April.

The members who were up for re-election are Jason, Abigail, Ela, and Taro.

Sarah made a motion to recommend to re-appoint the currently active members and leave Patrick's former seat vacant. This would be presented to the members at the annual meeting. The motion passed.

The annual meeting was discussed first.

Abby joined the meeting via Discord.

Board meeting 22nd, Annual Meeting 25th was proposed and passed. The Board meeting will be at 1pm.

The deliverables for the meeting were reviewed.

Laquana joined the meeting via Discord.

Sarah, Taro, and Frederika have an action item to each create an annual report as the Treasurer, the Executive Director, and the Secretary. Sarah will report on the financial status of TVGS, Taro will report on the status of the overall organization, and Frederika will report on communication channels.

Jamey and Taro has an action to item to inform the paying TVGS members of the Annual meeting. Taro has an action item to update the mailing list of the paying members.

Sarah left the meeting for a call.

The upcoming volunteer coordinator election was discussed. Taro has action item to create public facing indicator of number of nominees for each position.

Board members have an action item to recruit potential coordinators. The volunteer coordinator positions were reviewed.

The previous action items were reviewed

The tier naming contest was discussed. It is waiting on the set up of the Patreon account. Taro and Frederika have an action item to follow up with Chris on the status on the Patreon account.

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Abby has an action item to reach out to Chris about assisting with the tiers.

Taro did talk to Holly about the membership fee changes. He has not gotten the status of our exemption in writing. Taro has an action item to get it in writing.

Stephanie left the room.

The next item to discuss was the discussing the new membership tier structure with Holly. He had discussed the organization tier with Holly.

Stephanie returned.

The board needs to decide on what benefits would offered to a company or other organization.

Jason left the room.

Stephanie brought up the need to better show what RPI students and faculty members could get out of TVGS. Including what benefits we could provide to them.

Jamey has an action item to check with local game development companies, educational organizations, and non-profits as to what they might want from TVGS.

Stephanie brought up some of the feedback from the RPI faculty sponsor from the Black History Month game jam. The organization appeared to be stretched thin, this might be corrected by trimming down how many activities and events TVGS was committed to.

Jason returned.

Sarah suggested that TVGS have entry level events that are more heavily advertised, to prevent overwhelming members of the public who are considering attending one of the events.

Ela suggested reviewing TVGS's branding strategy. She and Stephanie discussed the issues surrounding the relationship with RPI and presenting TVGS to the various parts of the RPI community.

Jason suggested that the board should have a discussion and make sure that everyone in the TVGS community is on the same page about what TVGS does.

The connection on Discord dropped.

Laquana left the meeting.

It was decided that the elevator pitch should be included in the Annual meeting with the members.

Abby has an action item to update the About Us page to reflect what TVGS can do for outside organizations.

The board members have an action item to draft a position to take to the members at the Annual meeting.

Revisiting the elevator pitch and how that impacts outside organizations was discussed

Meeting to decide on what to present at the Annual meeting will be on March 24th at 11am.

Frederika has an action item to request the Community room for the 3/22 meeting.

The next item was for appointment of new board members. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

The board members have an action item to review Taro's document on appointing new Board members.

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Taro and Sarah have an action item to do discuss the presenter notes for the Code of Conduct.

Jason and Taro have an action item to meet about the liaison role.

Abby and Frederika have an action item to discuss instructor procedures.

The Membership tiers discussion will be continued on the fundraising channel.

The next item was the communication discussion on Discord. Board to review communication issues at the meeting on March 24th.

The meeting was adjourned.



Frederika Edgington-Giordano, Secretary of the Board