

Tech Valley Game Space Meeting Notes for 4/30/2017

The first meeting of Tech Valley Game Space Board of Directors was held at TVCOG on 4/30/2017 at 2:00pm. The purpose of the meeting was to vote on the new Bylaws and Conflict of Interest Policy, vote on the Officer positions, including the Chair, Executive Director, Treasurer, and Secretary, and to discuss a contract for a grant with RPI.

The following members of the Board of Directors were present:

Taro Omiya
Frederika Edgington-Giordano
Sarah Lauser
Patrick Totaro
Abigail Mathews
Elavarasi Joseph
Stephanie Jennings
Jason Harlow
Laquana Cooke
John Ceceri III

Laquana Cooke participated by teleconferencing.

The following guests were present:

Jamey Stevenson

Patrick Totaro acted as Chair for the meeting with the Board's consent.

Jamey did an introduction of the organization and its mission to the Board.

Jamey suggested that we make sure to notify members of board elections to give them a chance to suggest new board members.

Taro noted that the web presence coordinator position will be changed in the future but that the change would require an amendment to the bylaws.

Jamey suggested changing the name of the education coordinator since it overlaps with the educational administrator.

The draft of the bylaws were presented by Patrick. After discussion and edits, the bylaws were presented to the Board for adoption.

Laquana had to leave the meeting.

Motion to accept the bylaws as amended was seconded and carried at 4:14 PM. Bylaws adopted unanimously.

Sarah assumed responsibility for the notes/minutes, as the newly adopted bylaws prohibit the Chair acting as Secretary for the meeting.

Motion to accept the Conflict of Interest Policy as submitted was

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seconded and carried at 4:20 PM.

Sarah was nominated for Chair, effective at the close of the meeting. This was seconded and no other nominations were made, so the motion to accept Sarah as chair was carried at 4:24 PM.

Taro was nominated for Executive Director. This was seconded and no other nominations were made, so the motion to accept Taro as Executive Director was carried at 4:27 PM. Ela remarked that ideally, in the future, the Executive Director would be someone outside of the Board. In the meantime, Taro will recuse himself from any discussions regarding his position as Executive Director.

Patrick was nominated for Treasurer. This was seconded and no other nominations were made, so the motion to accept Patrick as Treasurer was carried at 4:28 PM.

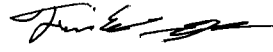
Frederika was nominated for Secretary. Discussion ensued, wherein Abby also volunteered if Frederika did not want to accept the nomination. It was clarified that, according to the newly adopted bylaws, the term of office for the Secretary is one year. Frederika accepted the nomination, and Abby withdrew. Thus, with no other nominations made, the motion to accept Frederika as Secretary was carried at 4:35 PM.

The RPI/NY Grant was discussed briefly. An NYS grant will flow through RPI to TVGS as part of a digital gaming hub initiative. The contract was prepared two weeks ago, but cannot be signed until insurance (general liability, auto, and workers' compensation) is acquired. TVGS is unable to piggyback on the TVCOG's insurance for this purpose. Patrick will be following up with insurance companies.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:42 PM. Sarah will set up the date and time for the next meeting.

Parking lot items:

- * define process for member nominations for board of directors
- * determine who on board will be seated on a one-year term for initial staggering
- * break web coordinator into website and social media parts
- * rename education coordinator to avoid confusion with hired education admin
- * formalize policy for coordinator voting process timelines



Frederika Edgington-Giordano

Secretary of the Board