

This meeting of the Tech Valley Game Space Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, 3/14/2022 at 6:10 pm.

The following members of the board were in attendance via teleconference:

Taro Omiya (Acting Chair of the Board)

Daniel Tanguay (Secretary of the Board)

Jamey Stevenson (Executive Director)

Jarell Pryor

Dr. Laquana Cooke

A quorum is present at the start of the meeting.

There is a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. The Board approves the Consent Agenda.

Taro poses a question: do we need to update the Bylaws to require approval from the members to change the Bylaws? In principle, it seems like a good change; putting governance in the Members hands is preferable. In practice, it's going to be difficult to get two thirds of our members together to vote on something, but the frequency of Bylaw changes is low and generally an important event. Jarell proposes an alternative approach, and Taro proposes that we talk about this offline once we have some Bylaws to compare against. Ultimately, the Board feels that a change is warranted.

The Board provides updates on search for new Board appointees. Mitchell recommended Tom Carmona; he's submitting his Letter of Intent this week. Laquana has confirmed that she's continuing with the Board for the remainder of her term. Taro has reached out to the other Board appointees, and he hasn't heard back from any of them. Jamey reviews his candidate outreach list. Dan says he'll reach out to the contacts he knows; Jamey will reach out to the others.

Jamey also proposes if there's a way to streamline the process by making Board submissions digital. Taro has concerns about malware and other security ramifications. Taro also feels that it seems out of scope for this term, this can be an action item for 2023.

The Board provides updates on preparations for the Annual Members meeting. Jamey has yet to start on slides. Dan offers to review the 2021 Goals & Objectives to serve as a foundation for the 2022 meeting; this will happen at the end of the meeting if there's time.

Taro provides updates on Mock Public Board Meetings. Taro solicits the Board for good time slots to do this in. He'll send out a poll with prospective times.

Jamey provides an update on working with Wagoner on Bylaw changes. He won't start working on this until after the Annual Members meeting.

Jamey provides an update on Financial Committee scheduling. He hasn't connected with Jason Harlow on this topic, but he needs to connect with him on a number of financial things this month. They'll discuss it then. Regardless, the new committee won't start up until after new Board members join.

Dan asks how to best funnel contract opportunities to TVGS members? If it's a public posting, the Board encourages posting it publicly to the wider audience (instead of just the paying members) via Discord's public channels. If it's seeking a recommendation, Jamey says he can review it and pass it along. Is it a conflict of interest? Likely not, as it's not an Activision solicitation.

The Board discusses preparing for return to the office. What should be our criteria now that the mask mandate has lifted? What is CoG's policy? (Masks for unvaccinated folks.) It seems we should start with a social night, as CoG has done something similar. At minimum, we can't return to office until CoG allows the public to come back.

What are the members looking for? Jamey recommends a survey immediately following the Annual Members meeting. The Board agrees to make a call in May's Board meeting once we have results. Social Night seems like the highest priority. After that, it'd be certain Orbits that benefit from hands-on/interactivity and TNO Demo Nights. Is the Art Center hosting events again? That's the best venue for Demo Night, but TVCoG could work in a pinch. Or do it 1P-style out of the street outside of the building.

We should also consider what threshold we need to maintain an in-person event in order to keep them active, as we don't want to overinvest in in-person stuff if it isn't warranted.

Taro takes a bio break.

Dan overviews the 2021 Objectives to get a general sense of what should carry over. He intends to use that information to make a draft of the 2022 Objectives for feedback.

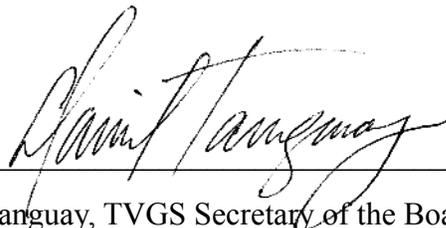
Taro returns.

Taro also reminds the Board of open volunteer positions and initiatives. There are no takers at this time.

Jamey raised around 1k from his birthday fundraiser for TVGS.

Taro reviews open action items with the Board.

There is a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passes and the meeting is adjourned.



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Daniel Tanguay, TVGS Secretary of the Board