

MLAC Governance Committee meeting  
Friday, March 22, 2019  
8 — 9:15 am  
MLAC conference room

## Minutes

Present: Jim Dugan, Julia Ingersoll, Julie Lange, Tom Rees, Michael Rosenthal, Thomas Scurto-Davis, Anne Umbrecht

Discussion and decisions (following more or less from agenda):

**Prospective board/committee members.** Further to our goal of adding 3 more board members by August 31, we went over the seven remaining prospects shown on Julie's spreadsheet and added some. **Thomas is planning to invite all prospects to the Art in Action event on Saturday evening, May 4.**

**Updates to spreadsheet** (thanks, Julie)

Graeme and Zoe Bell (Thomas)

Graeme is going to join the MLAC Finance Committee shortly. (Congrats, Thomas!) Will probably agree to join the board in FYE 2020.

Tim Paterson (Thomas)

Tim is a former MLAC board member currently on the MLAC Finance Committee. He might be ready to rejoin the board. **Anne to set up a lunch with Tim and available Governance members.**

Sophie Arsenlis (Thomas)

Jim, Thomas and Anne met with Sophie on November 8, 2018. Followed up by sending emails and a copy of the BoardSource handbook on board service guidelines, though probably not yet ready for board. **Anne will ask Sophie if she wants to volunteer at the May 4 event.**

Judith Scarani (David Winograd)

**Anne will follow up with David to see where this stands.**

Jess Gulash (Anne)

Anne emailed Jess on February 21. **Anne will follow up and invite Jess to the May 4 event.**

Christina Ward (David and Anne)

**Anne will follow up on possible committee service and invite Christina to the May 4 event.**

Jill Huentelman (Lisa Liebman)

No word from Lisa on where this stands. **Anne will follow up with Lisa.**

**New prospects to add to spreadsheet**

Julia or Porter Gould (Anne)

The Goulds live in Rosemont and are committed progressives. Julia founded and headed the Main Line branch of the Fresh Air Fund, of which Anne was a local chair.

Lori or Michael Banks (Thomas) The artist half of this high-profile couple, Lori has been taking classes at MLAC for years. **Thomas has a plan for approach.**

Michael Holmans (Thomas)

Local attorney. **Thomas will follow up.**

**Other plans/ideas** (in no particular order)

**Judy Herman event**

Thomas reported that Judy has planned an April 28 brunch for members of the “Old Guard” — present and former MLAC students and supporters who might have become disaffected in recent years. While the focus is building goodwill, board prospects might emerge from this event. **Thomas will keep an eye out.**

**Possible future Betsy Miraglia event like Judy’s**

**Coffee for parents of MLAC students with special needs**

Julia offered to plan and host. **Will consult with Thomas.**

**Outreach to Lantern Theater ED Stacy Dutton**

Michael says Stacy knows a lot of people. **He’ll talk to Stacy.**

**Student body representation on the board**

**Thomas has a list of prospects. He’ll get back to us with suggestions.**

**Possible board recruitment dinner like the one at Umbrechts spring 2018.**

**Anne will email the entire MLAC board to see who can commit to recruiting at least one prospect. If enough interest, let’s plan another dinner for board members who can bring recruits. Umbrechts willing to host. (Don’t tell Rick 😊)**

**Outreach to board recruitment organizations**

Thomas has successfully applied to the Compass nonprofit consulting group for assistance. Board members might emerge from this initiative.

**Nomination of officers for FY 2019-2020.** The Governance Committee is tasked with nominating officers for election by the full board at its June or July meeting. In the interest of stability, Jim, Anne and Julie would like to continue to serve as President, Vice-president and Secretary, respectively. As Julie has a new job (congrats!), her time might be limited. The Governance Committee would like to nominate Michael Rosenthal as Assistant Secretary to help Julie out as needed. As for Treasurer, it is hoped that David will want to continue next year. **Jim will ask David.**

**On-boarding new Board members.** Orientation used to take place annually at a board retreat in September, followed by six regular meetings starting in October. The September retreat was eliminated for this year. Should it be restored? Or, instead of seven board meetings starting with the retreat, perhaps the first of the six regular board meetings of the fiscal year should be devoted to orientation of new board members and a refresher course for continuing members. To be continued as Governance devises the board and committee meeting schedules for FY 2020.

**Strategic plan.** Consensus that the strategic plan should include consideration of board/staff spheres of responsibility and 360 review of the bylaws. One potential bylaws change is to amend or eliminate the board term limits. Pros and cons noted. To be continued.

**Next meeting:** Friday, May 10, 2019 at 8 am at the Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Umbrecht