

MINUTES
LAW, RULES & ETHICS COMMITTEE
Monday, March 13, 2023

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm
Attendance:
Present (5): Martin Wolpoff, Chair, Sylvia Alexander, Steve Froot, David Gellman, Dan Padernacht
Absent (0):
Guests (3): Laura Spalter, Board Chair, Rosemary Ginty, Charles Moerdler
2. Approval of February minutes - Minutes were amended item 5B2 to change the statement to “to arrange for audio recording of committee meetings.” – Approved unanimously
3. Chair’s report
 - A. Discussion on the policies and procedures for Board/committee Agency contacts – prospectively – Chair noted that at last month’s meeting a question was raised concerning an entry in a committee’s minutes. At that time chair noted that before discussion, he wanted to speak to the parties involved. Since then, he has spoken to the committee’s chair and the Board chair. He is satisfied that, from his perspective, the issue has been addressed and that issues, as they may arise, should be handled directly with the parties involved.
 - B. Conflict of Interests Board – Chair reiterated his position concerning real or potential conflicts of interest. As he has stated in the past, any Board member thinking there may be a conflict needs to direct the question to COIB. Any advice that this chair, or any other Board member, may offer has no weight and is purely a suggestion.
 - C. April Meeting – Due to the impact of holidays in April, the chair has ceded the April LRE meeting date. The next meeting will be in May.
4. Item raised by a committee member - Dan Padernacht – Earlier on this date, Dan shared with chair the purpose of the item he has sought to raise. Having read the office manual developed by CB 3, Man, he thought it was a good model for our Board to consider. Since committee members had not yet seen the 72-page document, all discussion was preliminary anticipating full discussion at the May LRE meeting. Dan planned to distribute the item to committee members. Chair will obtain and distribute the earlier effort by CB 8 to create such a handbook. Chair noted that when our discussion takes place, we should have office participation. Hopefully we will have a District Manager in place by that time. It was noted that it could be beneficial to solicit the effected union’s involvement.
5. Requiem for the “Procedures” process – Chair noted the extended period that it took to get into place the “Procedures” for hybrid meetings. He asked for feedback on lessons learned. The chronology of the process was reviewed and the debate over the need for a Board vote.
6. New York City Council Legislative calendar – Chair submitted to the office for full distribution the latest updated spreadsheet.
7. Agreements from the Conflicts of Interest Board – the latest items were reviewed.
9. Old/New business – none
10. Meeting adjourned 7:36 pm - Next meeting - April 10, 2023

Respectfully submitted,
Martin Wolpoff, Chair