

Discussion Re: Charter

(Tammy Lawson) Asked that we address the legislative positions on the charter but not identified specific nominees for the executive board

(Leighanne Hahn and Stu Shipman) Needed to get council in place quickly; developing legislative relationships would necessarily be a more lengthy process; chose to move ahead with nominee list. Most of the state agencies have staff that work with legislators; we recognize importance of legislative relationships.

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(Jane Frankenburger) Is this a task of the first board?

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(Planning Team) Yes, absolutely.

(Elizabeth Trybula) Wanted a balance which is why there are two positions, allows for both parties...

(Jill Hoffman) Suggests adding a term for membership (annual?); When is your membership up, who is tracking membership? Needs to be define in Charter and Bylaws and I wouldn't be prepared to vote on a charter and bylaws that don't contain this information. By-laws allow general membership to vote (majority); need a way to define your quorum; requires membership information to know what a quorum is.

(Leighanne Hahn and Scott Morlock) Can we raise an amendment so we can vote today?

(???) Yes.

(Art Garceau) Is it OK to say in the charter that membership is open to everyone but have only the Executive Committee vote on amendments?

(Jill Hoffman) Don't want amendments to be voted on by only executive committee; makes membership ineffective.

(???) A minimum of 4 times a year but bylaws say quarterly; need consistency in this regard because it translates into time commitment.

(???) Fees should be open for any administrative purposes of the organization; too soon to talk about fees and how the group manages money.

Leighanne Hahn directed attention to language that says "may" instead of "shall"; using "may" leaves it open

(Jill Hoffman) No understanding that fees could be used for anything else; may be too restrictive.

(Art Garceau) Can we strike it all together?

(Jeff Frey) "...or other administrative costs? Need a weasel word..."

(Jill Hoffman) Need a little more room to be able to use the fees in any way we need to.

(Stu Shipman) Make friendly amendments to modify the language

(Jeff Frey) Is there a reason that sentence needs to be there?

(Leighanne Hahn) The reason behind having a statement re: fees so that there would be some directive regarding fees, so that incoming fees should be utilized for WMC activities.

(???) You need to have the ability to use fees from Congress for whatever needs they have.

Discussion Re: Bylaws

(Jill Hoffman) Is this a formal entity? What kind of a status are we looking for as an organization? 501c3? In what capacity are we going to run this thing...very important and potentially dangerous with respect to the fact that we are handling funds. It elevates the formality when all the agencies are sitting at the table, especially when it comes to handling money. Need to define the entity and bylaws need to reflect the entity.

(Leighanne Hahn) We are not trying to become a not-for-profit organization; These are the types of discussions that occurred with the IGS. This is sponsored by IGS.

(???) The agencies that are involved have gotten approval all the way up through their directors. [This is intended to be] a group that fosters collaboration, not a lobbying entity [This is] not an effort to create a rigid structure; rather a balance to get enough structure to ????

(Lenore Tedesco) We should go through the charter and delete the things that are causing problems so that we can adopt the charter; would allow us more time to address the important issues raised today; friendly amendment.

(???) Interim planning team goals are to move this forward in a way that isn't too confining; need to have a board when we leave today.

Consensus on items that should be deleted:

- **Anything that refers to funds (collection and use);**
- **Will make meetings consistent.**

(Mitt Denny) A blending of charter and bylaws; need to simplify bylaws to execute charter. The board needs to be able to function.

Discussion Re: Article 5

(Ernie Johnson) Clarification re: “council” vs. general membership at large? Need consistency in language. Council = membership

(Gwen White) “Council” vs. “full council”

(Sara Peel) Not clear on meetings?

Discussion Re: Article 4

Meeting for article 4 is a congress; recommendations from the congress; -- event vs entity.

(Sara Peel) Who decides if you are a three year term or a two year term?

(Leighanne Hahn) This was not discussed; more appropriate to discuss after we get people into the slots.

(Gwen White) That’s part of the structure; needs to be decided beforehand. Charter is who you are – all this stuff should be deleted from Charter; bylaws should define all the term stuff → So stop after the mission statement.

(Mitt Denny) Set up an initial election with an initial set of conditions and then from that you can move into your bylaws and structure and such; recommends also that elections should be staggered over a 2-3 year period; if you start codifying a quorum as a fixed set of member, you may find yourself stymied if people aren’t showing up.

(Jill Hoffman) What do we call this? An interim board? How are we running an election since we have no by-laws or election procedures?

(Tammy Lawson) When do you have an election? After the by-laws?

Scott Morlock moved to call this an interim board of directors; Stu Shipman seconded the motion

**Motion to open the floor for nominations?
[Who made the motion?]; Jeff Frey seconded the motion**

Leighanne Hahn discussed how nominees were selected: From a committee and volunteers

**Scott Morlock moved to close nominations; Leighanne Hahn seconded the motion
Scott Morlock moved to accept slate; Jeff Frey seconded the motion**

(Gwen White) How will executive officers be chosen?

Scott Morlock moved to adjourn; Jeff Frey seconded the motion

Additional Notes:

It was agreed by consensus that all in attendance would become charter members of the InWMC. Those wishing to opt-out of charter membership were told to communicate this to Jody Arthur after the meeting. About 20 minutes were provided for people to opt-out. No one did.