

**CMG Board of Directors Meeting
Plummer Park, West Hollywood, CA
February 5, 2011 4:50 PM**

Summary of Actions

CMG ByLaws--no ByLaws were considered at this meeting.

CMG Operating Procedures--2 Items

--Meeting Minutes Guide, for PC's and LEC's (2011)--accepted, as amended

--LEC Planners Manual (2011)--tabled to next CMG Board Meeting

Other Actions--4 Items

--New bank account signatories--adopted.

--Board Budget for 2011, as amended--accepted

--Appointed Board Officers--all affirmed; new Director of Development selected.

--71st CMG Budget--passed as presented.

Unfinished Action-1 Item

Forgiving of San Diego PC debt, for hot tub.

Next CMG Board of Directors Meeting: To Be Announced.

In Attendance

Executive Board Members

Mike Fahy, President

Ben-Andy Hein, Vice President & Database Manager

Mohabee Serrano, Secretary & Archivist

Ed Perez, Treasurer

General Board Officers

Ed Wahl, Arts Coordinator; Jim Ruboyianes, Webmaster; Lee Usher, Tech Advisor;

James Badberg, Communications Director

Board Representatives

70th CMG: Robert Burnham; 71st CMG: Bradley Gammon (Alternate); 72nd CMG:

Phillip Bowden

LEC-SAC: Richard Farshler; LEC-BA: Zakkary Zoah; LEC-LA: Steve Fiechter; LEC-

DC: Jamie Simmons; LEC-SD: Milo Shapiro

Visitors

Thomas Ben Nicholson, Frank Rothacker, Joe Wagenhofer, Dave Clark, Andrew Rincus,
Paul Pastor, Phil Darby, Barry Schoenfeld, Michael McLees, Jim Hoffman, Jason
Wittman, Virsil Mitchell

Meeting Called to Order: 4:50 PM

CMG Mission Statement read, followed by a short introduction of Mike Fahy and Ed Perez, newly-elected President and Treasurer, respectively.

Reports and Old Business

Minutes of the last Board Meeting [Nov. 26, 2010] (Mohabee)

Approved unanimously, as written..

100 Men Presentation

A brief presentation, by Tommy (?), to promote the *100 Men* conference, was heard. Tommy was hand-twinkled.

Secretarial Items (Mohabee)

Meeting Minutes Guide, for PCs and LECs

Vote Tally: 12Y 0N; 1A This document is approved.

Comments: This guide is strongly suggested, for implementation by PCs and LECs.

LEC Operating Procedures

Action: Tabled to next Board Meeting.

Mohabee presented the 2011 LEC Operating Manual, which he revised. He explained that the old manual contained a lot of superfluous information, and didn't address the newer LEC policies. It was decided, that due to many Board Members who haven't yet read through the proposed manual, that this item will be tabled to the next Board Meeting. The manual will be distributed to each LEC, for review and suggestions of changes, and then brought to the Board for further consideration. One amendment was accepted--to add Charley Malarkey's name to the list of the first LEC planners.

Treasurer's Items (Dave Clark)

Bank Account Signatories 2011

Motion: The Board authorizes the men listed, to be signatories in 2011.

Vote Tally: 14Y. 0N, 0A This motion passes.

Signatories: The 2011 Exec. Board will be signatories for all CMG Accounts. These men are: Mike Fahy, Ben-Andy Hein, Mohabee Serrano (D. Milton Markey), and Ed Perez.

Committee Signatories:

70th CMG: Bob Ames, Treasurer, Cat Walker; 71st CMG: Jamie Kravitz, Gregg Cassin;

72nd CMG: Jordan Lieberman, Michael Martinez.

LEC-SD: Fred Ihler, Milo Shapiro; LEC-LA: Bob Ames, Barry Schoenfeld; LEC-DC, Ed Monie, Mark Polischak, LEC-SAC: Rich Farshler, LEC-BA, Zakkary Zoah. Financial Aid Fund (left blank, pending appointment of Dev. Director)

Secretary's Note: See the Addendum, of these minutes, for the detailed list of signatories.

Adoption of the 2011 Board Budget (Dave Clark)

Proposal: approve the Budget, which excludes about \$6,000 in Board travel expenses, and then reinstate the balance of the original budget, upon approval of the 15% budget proposal. This matter will be considered at a special Board meeting tomorrow, during the ABM. Passes: 10Y; 2N; 0A

Dave indicated that raising the revenue for this budget depends on the proposal for a 15% return to the Board, which was blocked, at the ABM. Thus, the proposed Board Budget can not be considered, without lowering the expenses by \$6,000, or around \$17,000. In order to accomplish this, Joe recommends that we eliminate the travel and reimbursements for Board travel, and then reinstate this item, once the 15% return to the Board is approved, at the ABM.

Discussion Notes:

Barry suggests eliminating Board comps to Gatherings, Lee: comps need to be available. Steve: there is financial assistance for those desiring to attend Gatherings. Paul: Planners get a discount. Milo: summer and fall would take the “hit” of no Board Members showing up. Rich: teleconferences might be a less expensive method of meeting. Jim: CMG tries to minimize the amount one pays for a Gathering; Suggests web conferences, to help present image-related meeting agenda. Ed P: favors reimbursement. Dave: Board Members holding “live” meetings is an advantage for Board effectiveness or efficiency. Jamie is concerned about the live contact being compromised. Bob appreciates that this matter is being talked about. Joe supports Jim’s idea, whereas the PCs will pick up the registration fee, and will add this to PCs budget. Travel is covered by the Board, under this plan. Frank thinks the advantages of the Board attending the Gatherings needs to be considered. Barry is concerned that the Board may not understand his suggestion. Thinks that money going to comps needs to go for income paid for infrastructure. Ed wants to thank the men who made it possible for him to attend Gatherings, and to travel, despite the embarrassment it has caused him to make the requests, over the years. Mike: the Board has the bottom line, in that it can require a PC to come up with 15%. The spirit of the CMG would allow the blockers of the questioned proposal to continue the dialogue, on the next day.

71st CMG Budget (Dave Clark)

Tally to accept: 12Y, 0N, 1A--motion passes.

Joe: 10 men are on the Summer PC (72nd CMG); each Planner has pledged to bring a new man to the Gathering. Ed P. moves the proposal, as presented, with one amendment, to eliminate the I-contact item. Bradley seconds.

Question about Shared Inventories

Barry: could we share a list of inventory, for PCs to use, so that duplicate equipment doesn’t need to be purchased or rented? Jim: it’s a logistics issue, and includes the need to consider transporting an item from one city to the next Gathering, and then returning the item to the PC which is “lending” it.

Affirmation Of Appointed Officers

Robert suggest that the Board cast a vote as a “slate.” Ben-Andy replied that doing so is not possible, for lack of effective votes, due to officers who hold more than one Board position.

-Archivist: Mohabee--12 affirmations

-Zak suggests that PCs reimburse the Archivist’s attendance fee for each Gathering.

-Arts, Ed Wahl--12 affirmations

-Communications Director: James--12 affirmations

This is a combined position, with Communications and Outreach handled by the same person.

-Tech advisor: Lee--12 affirmations

-Webmaster: Jim--13 affirmations

-Database Manager (Ben-Andy)-11 affirmations

-Development Director: Ben-Andy nominates Dave Clark--13 affirmations

Dave (Acceptance Speech): The "D of D" is the position of raising money for a non-profit; setting up programs for estate planning and other activities which might bring money in for the organization. Dave suggests that grants might be considered, for paying employees and compensation. Dave encourages each PC to raise more funds through silent auctions. Robert says Dave is the best person for the job. Barry thanks Dave, and thinks he's more capable of developing programs than his predecessors.

NEW BUSINESS

Forgiving San Diego PC Hot Tub Debt (Mike Fahy)

Proposal:

Would provide a grant to the current Fall Planners, to cover the outstanding balance of the loan, for the hot tub.

Action: Tabled to the Special Board Meeting, Sunday.

Secretary's Note: at the special meeting, this item was not discussed further.

Discussion Notes:

Ben-Andy: One can't ignore the impact of this matter, to the Board's budget. Dave: this loan wasn't set-up as an "accounts receivable," and is simply a transfer of funds from the PC back to the Board. Dave likens this to forgiving seed money. This would be a charge against the reserve funds. Mike encourages the Board to consider this matter during the recessed meeting, tomorrow (Feb. 6).

Closing Announcement:

Mike reminded the Board, that the ABM reconvenes 10:00 AM.

Next Board Meeting: To be determined.

Saturday's Meeting adjourned 6:51 PM.

Special Board Meeting Brought to Order: 12:07 PM, Feb. 6, 2011

Vote Tally: Vote: Y:12; N:0; A:0

Action: Approve the "original" CMG Board Budget, which restores Board Travel and Comps line item. Treasurer Dave Clark introduces the budget, which includes minor "shaving" of several items, which makes the Board Budget of 2011 fall below the level of 2010, but it reflects the 3-year average of the three previous annual budgets.

Special Meeting of the Board of Directors Adjourned 12:13 PM.

ADDENDUM

For the purposes of confirming the signatories for the CMG Bank Accounts, these are the officers who are affirmed signatories:

CMG Board Main Account

Michael Fahy, President

Ben-Andy Hein, Vice President

D. Milton Markey, Secretary
Eduardo Perez, Treasurer

CMG Spring Account

Michael Fahy, President
Ben-Andy Hein, Vice President
D. Milton Markey, Secretary
Eduardo Perez, Treasurer
Robert Ames, Spring Treasurer
Walter Walker, Spring Chairman

CMG Summer Account

Michael Fahy, President
Ben-Andy Hein, Vice President
D. Milton Markey, Secretary
Eduardo Perez, Treasurer
John Caner, Summer Treasurer
Jamie Kravitz, Summer Co-Chairman
Gregg Cassin, Summer Co-Chairman

CMG Fall Account

Michael Fahy, President
Ben-Andy Hein, Vice President
D. Milton Markey, Secretary
Eduardo Perez, Treasurer
Jordan Lieberman, Fall Treasurer
Michael Martinez, Fall Chairman

CMG LEC-SD Account

Michael Fahy, President
Ben-Andy Hein, Vice President
D. Milton Markey, Secretary
Eduardo Perez, Treasurer
Fred Ihler, LEC-SD Treasurer
Milo Shapiro, LEC-SD Chairman

CMG LEC-LA Account

Michael Fahy, President
Ben-Andy Hein, Vice President
D. Milton Markey, Secretary
Eduardo Perez, Treasurer
Robert Ames, LEC-LA Treasurer
Barry Schoenfeld, LEC-LA Chairman

CMG LEC-DC Account

Michael Fahy, President

Ben-Andy Hein, Vice President
D. Milton Markey, Secretary
Eduardo Perez, Treasurer
Edward E. Monie, LEC-DC Treasurer
Mark Polischak, LEC-DC Chairman

CMG LEC-SA Account

Michael Fahy, President
Ben-Andy Hein, Vice President
D. Milton Markey, Secretary
Eduardo Perez, Treasurer
Peter Marcoccia, LEC-SA Treasurer
Richard Farshler, LEC-SA Chairman

CMG LEC-BA Account

Michael Fahy, President
Ben-Andy Hein, Vice President
D. Milton Markey, Secretary
Eduardo Perez, Treasurer
Drew Blanchar, LEC-BA Treasurer
Zakkary Zoah, LEC-BA Board Representative

CMG Financial Aid Account

Michael Fahy, President
Ben-Andy Hein, Vice President
D. Milton Markey, Secretary
Eduardo Perez, Treasurer
David A. Clark, Director of Development

**Respectfully submitted--D. Milton Markey (“Mohabee”), Board Secretary,
California Men’s Gatherings**