

Humanists MN
Annual Membership Meeting
May 15, 2021

Attendees:

Harlan Garbell (President), Suzanne Perry (Vice President), Dave Guell (Secretary), Jerry Smith, Marcy Woodruff, Christine Retkwa, John Walker, Mitch Thompson, Nick Haylund (Treasurer), Ellie Haylund, various members.

Not Present: Seth Engman.

Location: Zoom online meeting

Minutes

Called to order at 3:08pm.

Audrey introduced the slate of Board candidates for the coming year:

Harlan Garbell: President

Ellie Haylund: Vice President

Mitch Thompson: Secretary

John Walker: Treasurer

Suzanne Perry, Jerry Smith, Nick Haylund: At-Large Director

David Guell: to finish the remaining year of John Walker's At-Large Director term.

The slate of candidates was approved by acclimation of the members in attendance.

Jerry Smith outlined by-laws changes already publicized:

- That the Vice-President be willing and able to be nominated as President if the President is term limited.
- Movement of certain responsibilities from Secretary to Treasurer
- That each incoming Treasurer conduct an audit of assets

There was discussion of the provision concerning the willingness of the vice-president to accept nomination as president if the President is term limited. The vote of the members attending was 13 Yea, 2 Nay, and 5 abstentions. The required 2/3 majority of members in attendance not voting in favor, the by-laws changes are not adopted.

Nick gave an overview of the financial situation, including a summary of expenses and the balance sheet.

Suzanne presented an overview of events and work sponsored by the organization over the course of the year.

Ellie gave an overview of the Marking Committee's work and their plans for the coming year.

Jerry gave a summary of work he's done over the year concerning outreach to freethought groups in St. Cloud and Rochester.

Marcy presented for the Social Action team concerning the six topics that have been chosen for Action Alerts. Christine discussed team efforts concerning voting rights and the Second Chance Coalition.

Audrey presented topics concerning the program committee such as the effect of the pandemic on programming, a summary of last year's programming, the advantages hybrid (in person and on-line) programming for the future.

Adjourned at 4:30 pm.