

Region 6 and 7 Reorganization Meeting #4

Thursday, November 9, 2023

Meeting called to order: 9:33pm

Members: Craig Thibaudeau (R6 Chair), Bob Lundy (R7 Chair, MD Chair), Dan Young (VT Chair), Tom Greet (CT Chair), Danilo Gattei (RI Chair), Darren Morace (MA Chair), Misha Kustin (NJ Chair), Joe Zullo (ME Chair), Mike Ouellette (NH Chair), Karl Jaanimagi (NY Chair), Jeffrey Zack (PA Chair)

Members present: Dan, Misha, Karl, Darren, Joe, Tom, Bob, Craig, Danilo

Members NOT present: Mike Ouellette, Jeff Zack

Meeting Agenda and Minutes

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1. Review the approved letter for regional chair nominations (Jason and Lisa gave their comments already). The letter is attached, but do not send it out until after our Thursday meeting.

Motion made by Dan Young to approve the letter as it is written

Second Misha Kustin

Vote: 6 yes, 0 no, 3 absent

2. Discuss the (recommended) nomination process, such as setting up zoom calls with nominees.

Tom suggested using zoom calls as a forum for seeing what vision the nominees have for the new region. He proposed that we should meet as a committee to discuss nominees soon after the deadline to hand in nominations (12/1/23).

Bob suggested we look at the week of December 11th or December 18th for zoom calls.

Misha asked about looking at the first week of December instead so that we can start the process sooner.

Bob added that if we keep our every two-week meeting date (withhold Thanksgiving), we will next meet on November 30th. At that meeting, we can discuss questions / process, etc. for regional chair nominations. He suggested that we offer December 7th and 14th as days for a zoom call with this committee.

Tom added that we can add another meeting day later, if needed.

Dan proposed having each of the committee members send in questions / topics to Bob and Craig ahead of the November 30th meeting.

Committee members liked the idea of compiling a list of topics/questions and then discussing the interview process on November 30th.

3. Early Discussion of bylaws and what to start considering

Table until a later meeting

4. New Business

Misha asked (hypothetically) what should we be saying when community members ask about the reorganization planning? (e.g., he gave an example of someone asking about 2025 regional championships).

Tom suggested that we say that we are currently working on the plan for 2024 right now. He added that most of our important decisions will need to be made after electing the next regional chairman. Dan discussed the process for selecting regional championships. He suggested that a good place to start would be to look at the region 6 bylaws to help with bid planning. He also suggested that in addition to looking at region 6 bylaws, state chairs should start looking at the bylaws written in other regions.

Motion made by Dan Young to adjourn
Second by Bob Lundy

Meeting adjourned at 10:12pm

Next Meeting of the Chairs was set for **Thursday, November 30th 9:30pm**