

by Carrol McCracken

1. **Welcome and Call to Order:** Meeting was called to Order at 9:05 a.m., PST by Carrol McCracken. Vice President, Sharon Slauenwhite had a conflict with her schedule and will join us as soon as possible. Agenda, and discussion documents have been emailed out along with link for the call.
2. **Roll Call:** There was a roll call /introduction of all members on the conference call. They included:
  - Region 1 Representative Ray Mehler, Region 1 Secretary/Treasurer
  - Region 2 Representative Kim Hiebert, International Director 2-year, Chapter 36 - absent
  - Region 3 Representative Carrol McCracken, Region 3 Secretary/Treasurer
  - Region 4, Ross Greene, President Chapter 52
  - Region 5 Representative Pat Petitto, Past Int. Pres. & Advisory Council and Beth Smith
  - Region 6 Representative Matt Harris, Region 6 Secretary/Treasurer
  - Region 7 Representative David Whitlock, Chapter 45, PDC Chair
  - Region 8 Representative James Hardy, Region 8 Vice Chair - absent
  - Region 9 Representative, Lee Hamre, Past Int. Pres. & Advisory Council
  - Region 10 Representative, Jenna Wood, Region 10 Chair

International Executive Committee:

Sharon Slauenwhite, Vice President, IEC Liaison/Chair  
Daniel Stekol, Interim CEO  
James Olschewski, Secretary

3. **Agenda**
4. **Approval of Minutes:** Carrol McCracken reported the April 24, 2019 minutes were emailed out and there were no corrections in any replies. Lee mentioned there was a correction for her region report that she will email to us. We tabled the approval of the minutes until later in the call so the changes could be reviewed.
5. **Communications/Feedback from Regions:**

Feedback from any of the regions about the GTF project:

R1- Ray. No real changes since the last report. Forum results were reported in previous calls. Ray has prepared a second summary of the governance project. There is a draft consisting of Tecker items/when/where. Sharon has it for her review before sharing it.  
R2 -Kim. No report - absent  
R3 – Carrol. We had the Region forum at then end of April and had a lot of good discussion, feedback and input from the questions we had for the group. He will continue to collect any responses he can from other region members.  
R4 – Ross. No changes since their last report. The data was reported on the last call

from their forum.

R5 – Pat. Pat could not attend their Region forum on April 24 because her husband was in the hospital. Their Region Chair presented a PowerPoint presentation from Ray's document and their Vice Chair took detailed notes. There was a lot of discussion. Some good, some bad. They have set up a Region Task Force mirroring what our group is doing to bring feedback to us. Pat gave some of the responses to the questions. There was so much discussion they couldn't get all of it completed at their forum.

R6-Matt. Nothing new to report. They still have the question right now if the Governance Task Force will make recommendations? His answer was yes.

R7 – David. Nothing new to report from their Region or Chapters. There was a lot of discussion both pro and con. Did ask if we will summarize the responses from all of the forums.

R8 -James. No report - absent

R9 – Lee. Nothing new for her or Kim (R2). Lee mentioned Region 2 and 9 planned to get responses together but haven't been able to do it yet.

R10 – Jenna. Nothing new since they had their Region Forum prior to the previous call.

Sharon joined in with the call.

Sharon: We will need to get all the feedback from the group questions to James for him to assemble and build a summary report. If there is other input, please continue to gather it. We will want to get the information all assembled for our call on June 26. It was asked if anyone could volunteer to help James and no one stepped up right now.

## **6. Annual Conference:**

- a. We have a meeting date and time set up for the Annual Conference of Monday, June 10, from 8:00-1100.
- b. We should provide updates at the Region Caucuses
  - i. Get with our Region Chair to be on their agenda
  - ii. The GTF may have craft a consistent message.

## **7. Discussion of Pros and Cons Document of Current Model (August 2018):**

Sharon asked it anything stood out to anyone reviewing the responses:

- a. Carrol mentioned that he didn't have an opinion on the issue, but one item mentioned multiple times was the retention of all of the past presidents on the advisory council. The consensus on the survey was that maybe the advisory council should consist of the past 5 presidents.  
Lee said the past presidents sometimes have unwelcome opinions /dissenting votes and said it seems like there is a fight to keep them quiet.  
Sharon said their voice is important.  
Lee said "So is their vote."  
Pat added she agreed with Lee. Often only 12-15 of the past presidents participate and they don't all vote in a block.
- b. Sharon mentioned the current model cons are difficult, goes to Org Chart.
  - International representation is not delineated.

- Members find difficulty with the acronyms (IEC, IGC, etc.)

Ray said that education on the organization is necessary along with

- good checks and balances
- Better communication at Region and Chapter levels
- Everyone needs to try to improve region leadership to support chapters.
- Need to figure out how to handle international chapters.

Daniel mentioned the international component of our membership is 11% including Canada. Six countries are thriving, but they are wondering where they are in governance.

- Jenna said Canada would be a hard no if Canada didn't have a voice or vote.
- Daniel added clarification that 890-900 international members, 1100 from Canada.
  - a. Only Canada has Region representation.
- James asked what constitutes a Region and Daniel answer the Bylaws say 3 chapters in one country.
- Daniel mentioned it is a challenge – info to be straight up
  - a. Flights and other travel expenses are high for international members which is something they must address. Many of those members pay their own way
- Matt said it can't be financially liquid to be a Region.
- James mentioned their Region isn't flush with cash either. Won't change Opportunities with budget to subsidize if a benefit.
- Daniel – how to include when we make our suggestions?

**8. Agenda for Portland:**

- a. Nothing of fix items
- b. May try to gather informally before our meeting
- c. Everyone should send in their name, and cell phoen number for possible group texts.

**9. Other Items:** Get notes and question answers to Sharon and she will forward them to James

**10. Minutes:** After reviewing the changes from Lee Hamre, there was a motion by James O and a second by Matt to approve the minutes. The motion carried.

**11. Next Meeting:**

Next meeting is May 22, 2019, 9:00 a.m. PST

Email Sharon with any questions or items for the agenda.

**12. Adjournment:** The meeting concluded at 10:10 a.m., PST