

FOLK ALLIANCE INTERNATIONAL APPROVED BOARD MINUTES 2013

Folk Alliance Board of Directors Full Board Meeting Teleconference Monday, January 16, 2013

Call to Order

President Bodie called the meeting to order at 12:05 PM Central.

Present: Renee Bodie (2014), President
Michelle Conceison (2013), Vice-President
Donald Davidoff (2014)*, Treasurer
Chris Frayer (2015), Ex Comm at Large
David Hirshland (2015)
Greg Johnson (2013)
Joan Kornblith (2015)
Tim McFadden (2015)
Art Menius (2013), Secretary
Joel Rafael (2014)
Anya Siglin (2014)
Jean Spivey (2015)*
James Lee Stanley (2014)
Mary Sue Twohy (2014)
Wendy Waldman (2013) until 12:55 PM Central

Also, Louis Meyers, Executive Director

Absent:

Dave Marsh (2013)

Dan Navarro (2015)

Members appointed by the board indicated with *

Joel Rafael moves to approve minutes of the Board for December 17, 2012 as well as of The Executive Committee for January 7, 2013; David Hirschland seconds. Motion Carries unanimously. Joel noted for the record that he was on site and available if needed during the meetings of Feb 23, 2012.

Financial report presented by Louis Meyers and Donald Davidoff.

Art Menius moves executive session to discuss a personnel matter. James Lee Stanley seconds. Carries unanimously at 12:15 PM Central.

Board came out of Executive Session at 12:27 PM Central

Donald moves that The Board of Directors of FAI authorize the President to sign a formal contract with Louis J. Meyers consistent with the deal points agreed upon and presented in the ED Negotiating Team/Personnel Committee Report of January 15, 2013. David H seconds. Passes unanimously.

Donald presents Long Range Planning Committee report.

Art moves to accept the Strategic Plan compiled by Louis from previous sessions as our current Long Range Plan and to authorize spending up to \$12,000 to engage Liz Allen Fey for data gathering, planning, and follow-up. Michelle Conceison seconds. Passes unanimously.

Joel gave the Advocacy Committee report.

David H reported on Regions Committee – one major issue is expansion

Donald moves that the board endorse the expansion proposal from the Regions Committee and refers back to the Regions Committee. Mary Sue Twohy seconds. Passes unanimously.

Donald moves to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 1:44 PM Central time

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Folk Alliance Board of Directors Full Board Meeting Wednesday, February 20, 2013

Call to Order

President Bodie called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM Eastern

Current Directors Present: Renee Bodie (2014), President

Michelle Conceison (2016), Vice-President

Donald Davidoff (2014)*, Treasurer a

Chris Frayer (2015), Ex Comm at Large

David Hirshland (2015)

Joan Kornblith (2015)

Tim McFadden (2015)

Art Menius (2016), Secretary

Dan Navarro (2015)

Anya Siglin (2014)

Jean Spivey (2014)*

James Lee Stanley (2014)

Mary Sue Twohy (2014)

Wendy Waldman (2016)

Incoming Directors Observing:

Lisa Schwartz (2016)

Also, Louis Meyers, Executive Director, from time to time

Absent:

Ralph Jaccodine (2016), Greg Johnson (2013), Dave Marsh (2013), Joel Rafael (2014)

Members appointed by the board indicated with *

Dan Navarro moves to approve minutes of the Board for January 16, 2013 and for the Ex Comm for February 12, 2013, incorrectly labeled January in the board book.

Louis Meyers presented the Executive Director's report. Good shape financially with profitable conference. Regions in good shape with talk of splitting Far-West. His new contract signed. Otherwise, lame duck staff with KC office to open around May 1.

Financial report presented by Louis Meyers and Donald Davidoff. Grants lost due to move.

Donald to investigate investment policy. Donald spoke to 100% board giving.

Committee population addressed:

Nomm Comm: Joan (chair), Anya, Randi Fratkin, Michael Jaworek, Emilee Warner

Regions Committee: David H has chaired, Renee, Chris Frayer

Advocacy: Mary Sue as chair. Additional members will be on ad hoc subcommittee by topic.

For PROs: Renee, Michelle, Louis, Dan, Tom Neff, David H

Governance: Art and Donald

LRP: Donald, Wendy, Jean, Art, Chris, Michelle, Renee

LAA:

Executive Committee

President: David Hirshland

VP: Michelle Conceison

Secretary: Joan Kornblith

Treasurer: Donald Davidoff

At-Large: Chris Frayer

Nominating Committee report presented by Joan Kornblith

Dan move, Art seconds the appointment of Erika Woolam Nicholls to the FAI board of directors. Motion passes unanimously.

Regions Committee report by David Hirshland. Louis asks that we attend regionals on Friday and reiterate welcoming of Canadians into US regions.

Art presented the Governance Report

Sense of the board is to follow existing attendance bylaws with attendance report being the second item of each meeting

Discussion of the matter of ties for fifth place in the board election. Dan moved and Donald second: That the bylaws be revised so that should a tie occur for fifth place in elections for board of directors, those tied will be considered elected so long as that does not result in more than the maximum number of board members. If the latter is the case, then the tie will be broken by a vote of the board. Passes unanimously.

Nominating Committee will take lead on orientation of new members.

Donald moves, Dan seconds that the board is under no obligation to offer video or voice phone attendance at face to face meetings but the board may employ same to ensure quorum. Passes unanimously.

All directors will send photo and 100 word bio to Michelle by the end of February

Governance Committee develop board training and learning plan

Committee needs to come back with possible bylaws change for incorporation in particular state

Proxy in board meetings discussed

James Lee moves and Donald seconds that as a matter of board policy since the bylaws are silent on proxies in board meetings, proxies will not be permitted in board meetings. Passes with one nay vote.

LRP Noon CDT start on 4/28 through 4:30 PM on 4/29 in Kansas City with Liz Fey as facilitator.

Donald gave personnel committee report. Name ED search committee by end of April. Whether to use a search firm discussed.

Awards show discussed and tabled for further discussion.

Art moves to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 4:56 PM Eastern time

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Folk Alliance Board of Directors (Full Board)

April 29, 2013, Kansas City MO

Called to order at 1:24 by President David Hirshland

Directors present:

Renee Bodie (2014)

Michelle Conceison (2016) Vice President

Donald Davidoff (2014)* Treasurer

David Hirshland (2015) President

Ralph Jaccodine (2016)

Joan Kornblith (2015) Secretary

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Directors absent:

Chris Frayer (2015) Ex Comm At Large

Joel Rafael (2014) (taken ill)

James Lee Stanley (2014)

Observer: Liz Allen Fey

Approval of minutes from Feb 24 meeting—unanimous

Louis Meyers presented Executive Director's report—

Retention of membership improving

Art asked about Question 7 in survey—we must log on to survey to see actual answers to that question in the survey.

Financials—we spent a lot of money closing out Memphis, moving, etc---accts being transferred to KC from Memphis. No more major expenses on the books right now.

First draft budget should be ready to present in 2 weeks.

Staffing: HR/Admin company hired in KC. Donald has met with them. Pt time member/database person hired & starts may 1.

Adoption/sanction of LRP Session.

Michelle moves that the Board accept the goals and objectives of the long range planning session.

Tim seconds. Passed by acclamation.

Formation of executive director search committee. Donald chairs committee. Donald moves, Lisa seconds.

Motion:

The Board of Directors of Folk Alliance International hereby constitutes and authorizes an Executive Director Search Committee as follows:

1. The Committee shall consist of Donald Davidoff (chair), Dan Navarro, Tim McFadden, Jean Spivey and Erin Benjamin
2. The Committee shall use its best judgment to accomplish the following
 - a. Recommend the process and schedule to follow for the search by approximately the June Board meeting/call. The process should include recommended timing and the cadence for announcing the search, vetting initial applicants and coming back to the Board with approximately 3 finalists for full Board interviewing and decision
 - b. Research potential search advisor support and return a recommendation to the Board with a recommendation on whether to use such a service. Included in this should be at least 2, preferably 3, bids
3. The Committee is specifically not authorized to bind the Board or Corporation on any decision about using a search advisor or selecting the next Executive Director until the Board approves the process and further defines the exact authority and limitations on authority for the Committee.

Motion carries, unanimous vote.

Discussion. Wendy: can we all ask questions, comments, suggestions, names, etc? Yes. Committee will vet candidates, act as a filter, come back to board with final list. Will committee engage outside service? That is under consideration.

Scotland: Folk Alliance event proposed for Edinburgh in Sept 2014. David reads letter from Louis, explaining what Ronnie Gurr needs from us to move forward with proposed Folk Alliance Europe event. He needs commitment that it is an officially sanctioned FA event in order to move ahead and try for funding. All we would do is endorse the project.

Q & A—

Dan moves that we draft a letter of commitment for use by Burn Songs to develop sufficient funding to put on a 2014 Scottish regional Folk Alliance event.

Anya seconds.

In favor:

Renee, Michelle, Donald, David, Ralph, Joan, Tim, Dan, Erika, Lisa, Anya, Jean, Mary Sue, Wendy

Opposed: Art

Motion carried

Governance Committee Report- Art reports. Donald, Lisa & Art –includes rewritten FAI policies for governance. Donald discusses proposed bylaw change for incorporation in a particular state.

Donald moves that the Board approve for member vote at the next member election this bylaw change: to make Section One read: “This corporation shall be known as Folk Alliance International. The Corporation is organized as an educational, charitable, tax-exempt organization within the meaning of Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, and shall be incorporated under the Not-For-Profit corporation Laws of any of the fifty (50) United States as authorized as the Board of Directors. “

Art seconds.

Passes unanimously

Discussion of shortening election period. This is referred to new Board Development Committee.

Donald moves that the Board of Folk Alliance International adopt as our official governance policy the attached documents dated April 29, 2013 as our formal governance policy, replacing the last formal policy of governance voted on in 2000.

Dan seconds.

Motion carries.

Advocacy Committee—Mary Sue reports. The committee proposes two subcommittees, one for education regarding PROs and the other works on the small venue deal. Suggests think tank for small venue deal, but that we move ahead with education subcommittee.

Mary Sue moves that the Board moves ahead with the Advocacy Committee PRO education initiatives.

Art seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

Dan moves we adjourn.

Folk Alliance Board of Director Spring 2013 meeting adjourned at 3:22

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Art seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

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Friday June 21, 2013

Full Board Meeting

Meeting called to order at 1105 EDT

Present:

David Hirshland, President (exp 2015)

Michelle Conceison, Vice President (exp 2016)

Joan Kornblith, Secretary (2015)

Donald Davidoff, Treasurer (exp 2014)*

Chris Frayer, Member At Large (exp 2015)

Art Menius (exp 2013)

Anya Siglin (exp 2014)

Renee Bodie (exp 2014)

Dan Navarro (exp 2015)
Tim McFadden (exp 2015)
Wendy Waldman (exp 2016)
James Lee Stanley (exp 2014)
Jean Spivey (2014)*
Ralph Jaccodine (2016)
Lisa Schwartz (2016)
Erica Wollam-Nichols (2015)*
*appointment

Also: Louis Jay Meyers, ED

Absent:

Joel Rafael (exp 2014)
Mary Sue Twohy (2014)

1. Approval of Board minutes from:
 - 4/16/13 (Excom)
 - 4/29/13 (Full Board)
 - 5/21/13 (Excom)
 - 6/18/13 (Excom)

Moved by Donald, second by Tim. Passed by acclamation. Donald motioned, Tim 2nd

2. ED search update: Recommendation from ED Search Committee is that a search firm be engaged, committee will review candidates proposed by firm. Board discussed proposal read by Donald and attached to this record.

Donald moves, Renee seconds that:

The Board of Directors of Folk Alliance authorizes the ED Search Committee to engage a search firm on terms not exceeding \$35,000 fee plus pre-approved expenses and to proceed on the general schedule as outlined below:

- Over the summer, the Committee refines the search criteria started at the Apr 29 Retreat and presents to full Board for approval
- Launch search on or about Oct 1
- Search firm presents 8-12 semi-finalists to the Committee based on the search criteria
- Committee reviews CVs and interviews all or some of the candidates based on the CV review
- Committee narrows list down to 3 finalists who are invited to the Feb conference in KC
- Full Board interviews candidates at the Board meeting
- Final decision at or shortly after Board meeting
- Start date of Apr 1st for overlap with Louis and team
- Formally takes over responsibilities of ED on July 1

Board Discussion, David thanks committee.

Vote on the motion.

1-No

1-Abstain

14-Yes

Motion carries.

3. Budget—

Donald moves that we accept budget proposal. Art seconds

Board discussion. Budget is approved by unanimous vote.

4. Committee Reports

Joan-Board Development

Discussion of proposed Board Development Retreat with Liz Allen Fey. Polled directors as to preference of LA area (to be tied in with Far-West regional) or Nashville (post or during Americana Music Association conf. Locations chosen as LA has large number of Board members living in region, Nashville as several board members have said they'd be at conf.

Interest in Board Development Retreat location.

David Hirshland, LA or Nashville

Michelle Conceison, neither (maybe LA)

Joan Kornblith, LA or Nashville

Donald Davidoff, LA

Chris Frayer, (have to check)

Art Menius LA

Anya Siglin LA Or Nashville

Renee Bodie LA or Nashville

Dan Navarro neither

Tim McFadden Nashville

Wendy Waldman (have to check)

James Lee Stanley neither

Joel Rafael (have to check)

Mary Sue Twohy (have to check)

Jean Spivey Nashville

Ralph Jaccodine Nashville

Lisa Schwartz LA

Erica Wollam-Nichols LA or Nashville

Advisory Council--

Donald has tried to schedule conference call, difficult with all the schedules. Renee thinks they need a chair. David suggests asking Tom Neff to serve as wrangler or committee chair to organize effort. Everyone agrees.

Nominating Committee-

Joan: Time to appoint committee. 2012 committee has expressed interest in serving again.

Tim moves that we appoint the committee, Art seconds.

Motion passes unanimously.

Nominating Committee 2013:

Joan Kornblith (Chair)- FA Board

Anya Siglin-FA Board
Michael Jaworek
Emilee Warner
Randi Fratkin

Advocacy Committee—Michelle presents for Mary Sue. The Advocacy Committee has formed two sub-committees on the subject of PROs.

Louis—Regions committee needs attention. Strategic plan is still a draft, it needs finalizing.

Regions committee—Michelle has made a map of the new regions and will send it to the board. Renee would like to discuss the new regions on upcoming July 10 regional leaders call. Discussion of new regions.

Scotland update presented by Louis

ED Report presented by Louis

Camp update presented by Louis

Joan will work on straightening out old committee assignments.

Adjourn 1255p edt.

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Board Meeting August 15, 2013

Present:

David Hirshland, President (exp 2015)
Michelle Conceison, Vice President (exp 2016)
Joan Kornblith, Secretary (2015)
Art Menius (exp 2013)
Renee Bodie (exp 2014)
James Lee Stanley (exp 2014)
Joel Rafael (exp 2014)
Mary Sue Twohy (2014)
Jean Spivey (2014)*
Ralph Jaccodine (2016)
Erica Wollam-Nichols (2015)*
Louis Jay Meyers-ED

Absent:

Donald Davidoff, Treasurer (exp 2014)*
Chris Frayer, Member At Large (exp 2015)

Anya Siglin (exp 2014)
Dan Navarro (exp 2015)
Tim McFadden (exp 2015)
Wendy Waldman (exp 2016)
Lisa Schwartz (2016)
*appointment

Called to order at 110

1. Approval of minutes. James Lee Stanley moved for an approval of the Minutes from the 6/21/13 Board mtg and the 7/23/13 and 7/26/13 ExComm mtgs. 2nd by Joel Rafael. All approved.
2. Discussion of Exec Directors report. Plus: news of Media reports on FA store opening, FA presence at Philly Folk Festival. Plans for Music Camp moving ahead, getting some press attention.. Using consumer type barter ads for Camp (Falcon Ridge, Philly, other festivals—using camp ads to get to other attendees. Ads in consumer music press. Offer out to local publicity person. Grant writer is on board to help. Will be making an offer to a sales/sponsorship person soon. Volunteer coordinator offer made. All these jobs are outsourced on a 6 month contract basis, not staff. Suggestions: setting up a charging station at IBMA and AMA. Dedication of winter newsletter to 25th anniversary. An editor will be brought in for this issue, which will be focused on camp and conference. Discussion of reunion and possible panels, a showcase of artists who showcased in the early years.
3. Financials—auditor in the office last week.
4. Committees & staff—relationship between ED and staff & committees needs to be fleshed out. Discussion—suggestion of better communication between committee heads and Louis.
5. Board Development fall meeting—Numbers show we are not able to make it work for this year. Discussion continues of 3 face-to-face for next year.
6. Committee reports:
 - a. Regions—Renee & Louis met with Far West. They want to keep it a unified FW –their idea for a unified FW is the list titled “proposed” in the board kit. Discussion—how can this be implemented? Size is a concern--- FW agreed to keep an eye on how they are serving all their members, committee will, too.
 - b. Strategic-long range planning – content in board book needs to be reviewed. Michelle volunteers to be point of contact for committee heads to report on whether the goals listed are the ones we are still working toward.
 - c. Nom comm—same as in board kit.
 - d. Advocacy—draft letter ready for nea cuts. Discussion of think tank
 - e. ED search—in a holding panel, waiting for firm to come back to us.
7. Time to establish legal ownership of trademark(s). This is really a brand committee issue, but David would like our TM to register these and then we can pick 1 or 2 logos to stick with.
8. Adjourned 215

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Folk Alliance Board Meeting December 10, 2013

David Hirshland, President (exp 2015)

Michelle Conceison, Vice President (exp 2016)
Joan Kornblith, Secretary (2015)
Donald Davidoff, Treasurer (exp 2014)* (left at 2pm)
Chris Frayer, Member At Large (exp 2015)-- off 205
Art Menius (exp 2013)
Anya Siglin (exp 2014)
Renee Bodie (exp 2014)
Dan Navarro (exp 2015)
Tim McFadden (exp 2015) n
Joel Rafael –left at 215
Wendy Waldman (exp 2016) n—joined at 120
James Lee Stanley (exp 2014) off at 215
Jean Spivey (2014)*
Ralph Jaccodine (2016)
Lisa Schwartz (2016) n
Erica Wollam-Nichols (2015)*

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called to order at 108

1. Approve minutes: October – u Nov excom U
2. Discussion of the board kit—the make up of it.
3. ED report—Louis discusses report contained in the Board kit. Discussion of Folk Store. Some stuff is in layaway and people will pay those off before Xmas, raising balance in account. Consignment vs purchase—5% consignment, majority of rest from Louis's collection (10% to store), some new purchases. We've already made back our initial investment. Registrations up 100 from where we were last year.
4. Financial report: Donald—we're tracking well, no surprises. Might be a turnback of some Sheraton rooms.
5. Board Meeting Schedule during Conference—informal dinner planned for Tuesday night pre conf.

Wed 9-

Break at 11am to meet with Candidate A, then lunch in that room with Candidate.

We will meet from 130-2, then break until 330 (or break into committees) and then come back until 5.

Thurs—AGM at 10. We will meet 9-10 for breakfast, then AGM, the Keynote. We will then reconvene at 12 for meeting with Candidate B lunch, then meet with candidate until 3.

Friday—

9-1030 Board mtg

1030-12 candidate C mtg 12-130 lunch with candidate C, Then search Committee

Search Committee debrief with Board? 4-530—vote will be taken if possible.

Saturday—2-30-4pm –if needed.

Schedule will be set during ExComm call in Dec/Jan. This schedule is not final.

6. ED Search Committee report—Per report in the book. Jan 27-Feb 2—should read 1st interviews with semi-finalists. More data and stats to come on Thursday.
7. Conf Committee—Anya & Louis—first draft of showcase schedule will be ready next week. Rejections and standbys sent out next week, too. Final schedule done right before Christmas.
8. Marketing and LRP—Donald/Dan-- committee should really be called the branding committee. Is there a plan to finish the strategic plan? Branding piece comes first.

9. Advocacy –Mary Sue—working on PRO education initiatives.
10. Renee Regions—asked about different regional bylaws if changes needed to add Canada. Yes—SWRFA. They Canadians have to petition to join if they want to run for board or vote in elections. If we do need to have this changed, we should give them plain language to make it easy.
11. NomComm –Joan. Change to election term due to fewer paper ballots –must be done by bylaw change. MS—what about a Board made up of appointed members vs elected members.—discussion ensues.
12. Mary Sue moves to adjourn at 218. Dan seconds. Unanimous.

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