

Meeting of Division on Women and Crime Executive Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 3rd 12:30-2:00PM EST

Present: Venessa Garcia, Michelle Hughes Miller, Sean Wilson, Aneesa Baboolal, Sarah Murray, Leslie-Dawn Quick (Ex-officio)

Absent: Kristy Holtfreter (Ex-officio)

Motion a: The 3/3 meeting of the DWC EB will be recorded and distributed to DWC membership via email.

Passed: Unanimous

Approval of Past Minutes: 2/24/2021; 2/26/2021

Passed: Unanimous

Welcome Newly Appointed EC

Announced resignations of Elaine Annull (Acting Chair), Leslie Gordon-Simons (Vice Chair), Janne Gaub (Secretary/Treasurer), Valerie Anderson (Junior Executive Counselor)

Discussion: Current leadership of the Executive Board (EB)

a. Motion 1: The Executive Board will elect a Chair *pro tem* from among existing Executive Board members in the situation where the Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary/Treasurer resign. Chair *pro tem* elected effective immediately following today's meeting.

Passed: Unanimous

b. Motion 1a): Vote on who to elect as Chair *pro tem*. Michelle nominates Venessa to serve as Chair pro tem.

Passed: 4 approve, 1 abstain

Discussion: Need for a Special Election and the process of that election

a. Proposed Action: EB will hold a Special Election for Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary/Treasurer, Executive Counselor (Junior)

Friendly Amendment to include terms in motion.

Motion 2: Executive Board calls for a special election for Chair (2021-2023) Vice Chair (2021-2022), Secretary/Treasurer (2021-2022), Executive Counselor (Junior, 2021-2022).

Passed: unanimously

Comment: explain to membership rationale – board wants to recognize the hard work of the chair and give the chair enough time to make meaningful change. Also following constitutional guidance for chair elections in odd years.

b. Proposed Action: EB will work with the Diversity & Inclusion (D&I) Committee to recruit and appoint an Internal Nominations Committee Chair and Committee Members. Jane Palmer and Valli Rajah (From D&I Committee) will help to recruit members to the internal nominations committee. Sean Wilson to coordinate work on the internal nominations committee. According to Sarah Koon-Magnin internal nominations committee sends out the call for nominations and vets the nominees. Division of Victimology asks candidates to put out a statement about themselves and their statement regarding their ongoing work with inclusivity. In past elections candidates were asked to speak to their commitment to racial justice (add LGBTQIA+). Suggested language “In addition to short bio list five specific items or activities related to inclusivity”

ACTION: Michelle to email Sean the list of interested candidates.

Motion 3: Increase the internal nominations committee to 5 division members in good standing.

Passed: Unanimously

Motion 4: The candidates for the three officers (excluding the Junior EC) must have demonstrated DWC leadership experience.

Passed: Unanimously

Motion 5: Expand the number of candidates appearing on the ballot to include all qualified nominees in good standing.

Passed: Unanimously

Comment: DWC members should be strongly encouraged to join and lead committees to gain leadership experience for future elections.

ACTION: Message from Chris Eskridge supporting our ability to hold election. Should be shared with membership.

Discussion: EB Transparency

Motion 6: The Secretary will take detailed minutes of the meeting.
Decided in perpetuity.

Passed: Unanimous

Motion 6a: All DWC Executive Board minutes will be posted on the DWC website as soon as they are approved via any available electronic mechanism by a simple majority of the EB within one calendar week.

Passed: Unanimously

Suggestion: also include this as a policy in the constitution.

Discussion: Statements

Motion 7: The DWC Executive Board may make statements about issues internal to the Division to its membership with 2/3 vote of the EB.

Passed: Unanimously

Motion 7a: These statements may be posted by the Chair or their designee.

Passed: Unanimously

Motion 7b: Statements should reflect the principles of the Executive Board.

Passed: Unanimous

Suggestion: Definition of mission and principles should be something tasked of the CRC.

Point of clarification: reporting of past and future actions not considered a statement per Chris Eskridge (ASC).

Motion 7c: Minutes are not considered Statements.

Passed: Unanimously

Motion 7d: If 2 or more members of the EB believe legal counsel should be consulted prior to statement distribution, the EB must solicit legal guidance prior to distribution.

Passed: Unanimously

Revisit: Discussion of Transparency and Record-Keeping

Motion 8: The Secretary will keep a published log of all motions and policies passed along with the dates they were passed. This log will be posted on the DWC website.

Passed: Unanimously

Discussion: Need for Constitutional Revisions

Motion suggested to convene the Constitutional Revision Committee (CRC) to revise the Constitution. Already passed. This EB will now move forward to appoint new members and task them.

Motion 9: The Constitutional Revision Committee is tasked with developing a constitutional procedure for special elections.

Passed: Unanimously

Proposed Action: The DWC Chair will post a call to membership to solicit members for the CRC to ensure transparency.

Point of Clarification: CRC was convened and brought constitutional re-writes to the EB at least three times since 2013. In each case the proposed constitution was rejected by the board. Membership was unaware of these.

Suggestion: CRC should first considered the existing constitutional suggested changes from past versions at the beginning of their work. Also bring particular attention to diversity, equity, justice, and inclusion in the document itself.

ACTION: Venessa will be tasked with this.

Proposed Motion: Constitutional procedures for Amending the Constitution and Bylaws should be followed, including that the DWC membership vote on all amendments to the Constitution put forth by the CRC before the EB approves. Does not need to be voted on, but kept for the record.

Discussion: *Feminist Criminology*

Further discussion held for later meeting. EB will invite Kristy to attend, however meeting will be held whether or not she attends. All agreed. Meeting to be held within a week, Sarah M. to coordinate Doodle Poll.

Motion 10: The DWC Executive Board will distribute a statement to apologize for taking too long to address the article and to inform the membership that its future activities will reflect that the DWC EB does not support transphobia.

Passed: Unanimously

Discussion: Membership and Listserv

Motion 11: The DWC Executive Board will re-invite Christina DeJong to serve as the listserv Administrator.

Passed: Unanimously

Comment: The Board also wishes to thank Christina DeJong for her continued service in this capacity.

Meeting Adjourned 2:05pm EST