



**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MINUTES FROM 2/25/2014**

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## Board Meeting Minutes – February 25, 2014

### 6:35PM at Headhunters Annex, 1930 K Street, Sacramento CA

**Board Members Present:** Emperor 13/37 Terry Sidie (President), Emperor 31 Gary Vickers (Vice President), Emperor 39 Clarmundo Sullivan (Secretary), Emperor 35 Santos Rosales, Robyn Learned, Emperor 40 Gerald Filice, Empress 40 Misha Rockafeller, Grand Duke 34 Enrique Manjarrez, Empress 38 Key Pears, Grand Duchess 25 Robert Collins, Empress 22 Shondra, Corey Hubert

**Board Members Absent Excused:** Jeff Davis (Treasurer), Grand Duchess 34 Chris Brown (aka Harmony), Empress 39 JoWana Piece St. James

**Board Members Absent Unexcused:** Empress 21 Racine, ICP 40 Matt Bunch

**Others Present:** Empress 27/30 Do Me Moore, Geo, Ronnie Miranda

#### **I. Meeting called to order at 6:35PM**

#### **II. Roll call was conducted by Clarmundo Sullivan**

- A. Quorum was established with 13 board members present.

#### **III. Remarks from the President**

##### A. Opening Remarks

1. Emperor Terry thanked everyone for being present. He shared how proud he was of our turn out at San Francisco's coronation. He noted that it seemed as if the E&E have been taking awards everywhere they go.
2. Emperor Terry wanted to clarify a couple of things about the Turnabout discussion during the last board meeting. He shared he didn't have a right to give money away. He also made it clear that he did not say anyone could give anything away that wasn't taken in during that particular reign. Emperor Gerald shared that his observation was that when Rich was over the LaKish Fund that he didn't submit to the board the scholarships he attended to award. He shared this was his experience for the past several years. In this case, applications were submitted to Santos, one three months back and one shortly before the event. Emperor Santos looked at them and approved them. That was the basis in which the scholarships were approved. He said it had never been a policy that the applications had to be approved by the board. Emperor Gary shared that during last month's board meeting all he wanted to know was who authorized the money for the scholarship. Emperor Terry said Emperor Santos had the right to give away what he took in. He, however, didn't have a right without board approval to give away someone else's money. Emperor Terry clarified that before two

years ago, we always had the applications come to the board and agreed upon it. He added that one cannot take credit for something he/she didn't do. A part of being the head of the fund is to be acknowledged for the money that was raised and to distribute the money he/she raised in scholarships. In sum, Emperor Terry said the money has already been distributed. He has spoken with the scholarship recipients and expected them to be enrolled in school and to use the scholarship money for school.

3. Emperor Terry shared that he didn't agree with the narrative in the last board meeting's minutes about possible missing money. Until we get something back from the CPA, he doesn't approve of the narrative on pages two and three of the draft meeting minutes from the past meeting.

4. Emperor Terry said that he was approached a couple of weeks ago by Modesto and Stockton. Redding is not fulfilling its obligation to CGNIE. Most people in Stockton except for Rue would like to return to Sacramento and that would be okay with him. The board will decide this. Emperor Terry said there are so many empires and just so many weekends so his vision is that maybe one day Redding, Chico, Sacramento, Stockton and Modesto may become one big empire. If they share this vision, they will approach us. It could be something like the united courts of Texas.

#### **IV. Secretary's Report**

A. Emperor Clarmundo asked that a motion be made to approve the minutes. Empress Shondra Jones motioned to accept the meeting minutes. Emperor Gerald second. There was discussion about Terry's dissatisfaction with the narrative on pages two and three of the draft meeting minutes. Grand Duke Enrique asked that we approve the minutes except for the two pages which will be amended later to the board's satisfaction. Emperor Gary shared we are missing Jeff's follow-up with Steve regarding resolving the bank for the Turnabout event. Empress Shondra asked that we discontinue calling the Grand Duke and Grand Duchess's Report a "review." Empress Shondra amended her motion to accept the meeting minutes with the changes the board discussed. Eleven yeas, no nays, no abstentions. The motion carried.

B. Clarmundo shared the he and the E&E met regarding candidate board of review and voting. He asked the board to consider making changes to the E&E application. One proposed change is to change "The Court of the Great Northwest Imperial Empire Inc." to "Court of the Great Northwest Imperial Empire", thus removing the "Incorporated." Emperor Gerald said the formal name of our organization registered with the Secretary of State is "Court of the Great Northwest Imperial Empire", there is no "The" or "Incorporated" in our filed name. Emperor Terry asked if we can be nonprofit without being a corporation. Emperor Gerald said we are a corporation but we don't have to use the word incorporated in our name. He added that we are incorporated as a corporation but names of corporations in the state of California do not have to include "incorporated" or "Inc." in their names. He shared the word "incorporated" had never been in the name of our corporation so we are documents should used the correct filed name. Emperor Terry shared he is proud to use the word incorporated in our organization's name. Robert shared that we should keep incorporated in our name since we have always used it in our name. Robyn shared that in order to legally use the name with incorporated in it, we would have to submit a name change with the Secretary of State. Emperor Terry said we need to change the name to include "incorporated." Clarmundo shared that if that is what is being suggested, we need to make a motion. The next proposed change on the application is for the verbiage to read, "If I pass the board of review, I will provide a 5X7 photograph..." He shared in the past, candidates have complained about having to spend money for a photo shoot and copies of photos when they did not pass board of review. Requiring them to submit the photo if and when they pass board of review may be a solution. Several board members shared that models going for modeling jobs are required to have a photo. This change was not welcomed by the board. The next proposed change was to add "Please see reverse of the application for events which must be attended by all candidates." He distributed a document titled,

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“2014 E&E Candidate Events” which would be seen on the reverse of the application. He said we are trying to make sure that the candidates are clear with what the board expects them to participate in and if they don’t, they will be in violation of the candidacy process. Emperor Terry said he approved of the suggestion because he believed we already had a document like it. Emperor Clarmundo shared that during the board of review, candidates are provided written documents about the candidacy process. Clarmundo felt that if we include this information on the application, the candidates would see before the board of review what we are expecting of them. Emperor Gerald supported the idea. Emperor Terry, Empress Shondra, and Emperor Gerald shared that we needed to add, “ Any issue preventing candidates from attending these events must be discussed with the President of CGNIE immediately for possible excuse consideration.” Grand Duke Enrique inquired if the candidates have to do a candidacy show. Emperor Gerald suggested that we should include verbiage in the application that states all candidates are required to put on a minimum of one candidate show. Emperor Gerald moved that we approve all of the changes including adding the dates on the back of the application. It was second by Corey. Ten yeas, one nay and no abstentions. The motion carried.

C. Clarmundo reviewed the “2014 E&E Candidate Events.” He thanked Empress Misha for agreeing to host the Application Turn In and Candidate Board of Review at her gallery. Clarmundo shared that he proposed to have the board of review be from 7PM until the process is completed. He shared it was his experience that candidates get restless or decide to leave before the process is over and this is not fair to all the candidates who are invested in staying for the whole process. He said the candidates are expected to stay until the board of review process is over. He shared that Candidate Announcements will be done at the ICP Ball in Guerneville. He mentioned that the candidates are expected to be present and stay since we are not sure when the announcement will happen that evening. The E&E is also planning to host a local Candidate Announcement event, maybe at Faces, the day after the ICP Ball. The E&E are working out the logistics for the local event. The voting process will take place at the Gay and Lesbian Center April 26 from 10am to 6pm. We are asking the candidates to be there promptly at 10AM to inspect the box and cast their votes first. He asked board members to please assist with staffing the voting booth for a two hour period. If he doesn’t contact board members individually to schedule them before next board meeting, he will pass a signup sheet at the next board meeting. He proposed to have an additional voting venue in North Sacramento for two reasons; to involve our North Sacramento community members and to bring business and visibility to The Bolt. If we do this, we would need more board participation. Empress Shondra raised the question about how we are going to add another voting venue when we may not have enough support for one. Emperor Clarmundo asked the board if they felt it was a good idea to expand the voting process to North Sacramento and if so, will the board assist with it. Robert asked if there were two voting venues, which location would the voting box be expected. Empress Misha asked if we would need Linda (CPA) to pick up boxes at both locations. Emperor Terry said yes. Robert asked for clarification about how the candidates would be able to sign off on the box at both locations. Emperor Terry shared they don’t have to do this; this is only for their own protection. So if they want to sign off on both, they should prepare to go to both locations. Emperor Gerald proposed we close the voting at the Bolt a half hour early (5:30PM), tape and seal the voting box at that location, and board members bring the box to the Gay and Lesbian Center by 6pm, where the candidates can view the boxes. Emperor Clarmundo shared we would then need to purchase another voting box. Emperor Terry expressed his concern about possible transportation issues for candidates attending the ICP Ball and Candidate Announcements there. He said if he is notified in advance, he would be willing to take as many people as he could in his limo but it would be first come, first serve. Corey shared he has friends in Guerneville and has sent ICP Ball information to ensure advance notice is given to their community about the event. Empress Misha shared the ICPs came to consensus about hosting the ICP Ball in Guerneville. The Resort is offering us a \$45 and \$55 room rate with complimentary cocktail.

## **V. Treasurer's Report**

A. Emperor Clarmundo shared Jeff wouldn't be in attendance. However he asked Clarmundo to share that during next board meeting, he will provide reports by division. At that time the board can review for any discrepancies or concerns and discuss them with him. The same will go for any outstanding requests for funds approved by the board for disbursement. Emperor Clarmundo distributed the document that he prepared for tonight's meeting. Emperor Gerald suggested that we table the report until he returns. Emperor Terry asked if the Master Checking include all the accounts. He felt that it didn't. Emperor Gary shared he didn't see the \$1,500 Wal-Mart donation that was received reflected in the report. Emperor Clarmundo confirmed that he received the donation and it was submitted to Jeff. However, it doesn't show in the report and should go into the College of Monarchs account.

## **VI. Report from the Court Imperial**

A. Emperor Gerald shared he and Empress Misha distributed a brief communiqués for December, January and February of what they have done. He shared CGNIE's turnout at San Francisco's Coronation was great. He announced he was going to attend the Long Beach's Coronation, Vancouver DC Coronation and New York's Coronation. He shared due to the fact that a number of southern California imperial court folks are attending Phoenix's Coronation and not ours, the E&E are trying to sure up the Northwest courts as much as possible to encourage them to attend our coronation. There is a buzz about our coronation. He announced coronation planning is in full swing with the Ball Coordinators. They have done a great job with coordinating with the Railroad Museum, getting a final bid from Fat City on the part it is playing with additional table and so forth. The staging is ordered, and the tables and chairs are handled. They have begun rehearsal for their performances. Emperor Terry asked who the emcees were. Empress Misha shared Jack and Larry will be emceeing with John Weber. The Out of Town show will be emceed by Eunice Kennedy Smith from Spokane. In town show emcee hasn't been secured yet. Empress Misha shared another primary focus is coronation ticket sales. She shared she would like to ask board members to host a table; not that board members would have to buy the table, but take charge with selling the tickets for a table. Grand Duke Enrique has already on his way to selling his first table. We have 30 tables to sell. Emperor Terry shared that everyone calls him about how great they did in San Francisco. Empress Misha shared that SMUD is interested in sponsoring a table, ad and \$1000 sponsorship. Empress Shondra asked if the E&E are doing additional fundraisers. Empress Misha said she is planning more bucket runs and attending in town events. Emperor Gerald shared he is putting on another comedy fundraiser. Empress Shondra asked if the E&E is doing Closet Ball. She shared in the past it was a part of their obligation. Empress Misha said the E&E didn't do it in the 37<sup>th</sup> reign. Emperor Gary shared people were asking about Closet Ball. Empress Misha shared that originally Robert and Empress Jowana had discussed doing it last October but it didn't happen. Emperor Clarmundo shared that in an effort to reduce coronation expenses, the E&E are asking board members to prepare a dish for Hospitality. He reminded everyone that because it's our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary that we have great food provided during Hospitality. Emperor Gerald asked if a board member would coordinate Hospitality. Empress Misha shared that Empress Key would do it.

## **VII. The Ducal House**

A. Grand Duke Enrique shared that they had a very successful "Black Gurls Rock" fundraiser. Over \$400 was raised. He thanked Empress Misha for coming, despite just coming back to town. He also thanked Emperor Clarmundo for doing the door and everyone else who came to show their support. He has attended events representing the Ducal House. He shared that there was an upcoming event at the Bolt on March 21. He

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asked if the board would approve their Ducal Weekend dates. Emperor Terry asked the E&E if they saw any conflicts with the proposed dates. They shared they didn't see any so Emperor Terry approved them.

B. Grand Duke Enrique shared that the Red and White Ball was scheduled this weekend but due to a scheduling conflict with Sidetrax, they had to cancel it. It will be rescheduled. He acknowledged that it is in his and Harmony's contract to do it so they will reschedule it sometime in March. Because of the conflict Sidetrax has assumed more of the financial burden of the event. Emperor Clarmundo congratulated the Grand Duke and Duchess for how they handled it.

### **VIII. The 3M Report**

A. Mr. Gay Matt shared the 3Ms goal was to host an event every month. The first event will be the "Imperial Hog Heaven BBQ" held at his home. There is a \$20 donation requested from attendees for all you can eat BBQ and drinks. The funds raised will be shared with the Gay Rodeo Association. There will also be a "King of Que" contest at the event. Contestants will pay \$10 to enter. The winner will get a trophy. A schedule will be provided at the next board meeting for future planned events.

### **IX. LaKish Scholarship Fund Report**

A. Tabled for next meeting

### **X. Fairy Godfather's Fund**

A. Tables for next meeting

### **XI. Coronation Status and Budget**

A. Discussed above

### **XIII. College of Monarchs Report**

A. Tabled for next meeting

### **XIV. Upcoming Events**

A. Corey shared he hosts a "Jewels of Jazz" cabaret fundraiser every year. He asked that instead of the usual 70/30 split CGNIE would get a flat \$500 (the first \$500 profit from the event) and the Gay Men's Chorus would get the rest. Emperor Terry shared he only requested that all the money is turned into CGNIE and we will be cut a check to the Gay Men's Chorus for the amount they obtain from the event. Jim Jordan is taken care of and he isn't asking any money from the Court. The event will be held on May 24. Emperor Terry approved it.

B. Emperor Clarmundo shared that Grand Duke Spade will be hosting the "King and Queen of Hearts." It will be held March 22 at Faces. Doors open at 7PM. Admission is \$7. He asked everyone to come and support the event.

### **XII. Acknowledged of Visitors**

A. Emperor Clarmundo acknowledged the guests present including Stephan, Zach Whitehouse, Ronnie, Grand Duke Spade, Arch Duke 24 Tim Parmley, Patrick.

**Emperor Terry motioned to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:45PM.**

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