



**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES FROM 3/25/2014**

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Board Meeting Minutes – March 25, 2014

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

Board Members Present: Emperor 13/37 Terry Sidie (President), Emperor 39 Clarmundo Sullivan (Secretary), Robyn Learned, Emperor 40 Gerald Filice, Empress 40 Misha Rockefeller, Grand Duke 34 Enrique Manjarrez, Grand Duchess 34 Chris Brown (aka Harmony), Empress 39 JoWana Piece St. James, Empress 22 Shondra, Corey Hubert, ICP 40 Matt Bunch

Board Members Absent Excused: Emperor 31 Gary Vickers (Vice President), Jeff Davis (Treasurer), Emperor 35 Santos Rosales, Kenny Yerkes

Board Members Absent Unexcused: Empress 38 Key Pears, Grand Duchess 25 Robert Collins, Empress 21 Racine,

Others Present:

I. Meeting called to order at 6:35PM

II. Roll call was conducted by Clarmundo Sullivan

A. Quorum was established with 11 board members present.

III. Remarks from the President

A. Opening Remarks

1. Emperor Terry shared that we need to review appropriate protocol when attending coronations. If a reigning Emperor and Empress come into a room during a coronation, one should stand up. If they leave the dias, should stand up. One doesn't actually sit until they sit. He has observed people talking and not standing and it doesn't show respect. CGNIE is going to be an example and do the things we are supposed to do. Charlie Preston was a great example because he always bowed and addressed any monarch as "Your Majesty." Empress Misha shared that when someone is performing, people should not sing along or lip sync on the side. Emperor Terry shared Mother Jose hated people taking money up during performances. Empress Misha shared a solution for that is to appoint someone to hold a tip bucket, which would cause less interruption for the performer. Emperor Terry said it is not proper for anyone to wear a crown larger than the Emperor and Empress. For example, a Grand Duke and Grand Duchess should not wear a crown larger than the E&E. The E&E work hard to earn their titles and they deserve all the courtesies and respect that should go along with it.

2. Emperor Terry shared that he has been apprised of good planning with our Coronation. He is planning to attend New York's Coronation and the Mother Jose honors.

IV. Secretary's Report

- A. Emperor Clarmundo shared he emailed all board members the last board meeting minutes and board members should have them. He emailed them a couple of weeks ago. If any board member doesn't see the meeting minutes emailed to them within two weeks of the last meeting to please call him. He requested a motion to accept the meeting minutes. Emperor Gerald motioned to accept the minutes. Corey second. During discussion, Grand Duke Enrique wanted to confirm I received his request to acknowledge a guest not noted in the meeting minutes. Emperor Terry said that the minutes are being proposed for acceptance despite the fact that the Treasurer has not been in attendance to answer some questions that were raised but not answered. Empress Shondra noted that the meeting agenda said February instead of March. A vote was taken. Six yeas and three abstentions. The motion carried.
- B. Emperor Clarmundo read a letter of resignation from board member Empress Racine dated February 25, 2014.
- C. Emperor Clarmundo reminded board members we need board members to sign up for shifts for the voting booths. He distributed a signup sheet for the Gay and Lesbian Center and the Bolt. He said if we wanted voting booths at both locations, board participation was needed. If not enough board participation was secured, he shared he would have to have a discussion with Emperor Terry about if we would be able to do both locations. Empress Sondra shared board members should sign up for two shifts. Emperor Gerald suggested that voting start at 2pm to 5:00pm at the Bolt. Clarmundo crossed out the earlier shifts on the Bolt signup sheet so there remained only two shifts at the Bolt – from 2pm-4pm and from 4pm to 5pm. This allows a timeframe of 5pm to 6pm for the ballot box to come to the Gay and Lesbian Center by 6pm. At 6pm the candidates can inspect both boxes and any other appropriate process. Empress Misha shared she has a tip box with a lock at the Gallery we can use for either location. Emperor Terry asked if it would be a problem to vote from 10pm to 2pm at the Gay and Lesbian Center and from 2pm to 6pm at the Bolt. The board decided they wanted to stick with the original plan. Grand Duke Enrique asked if it was ever decided that the candidates had to be present to inspect each boxes. Emperor Terry already addressed this in a past board meeting.

V. Treasurer's Report

- A. Emperor Terry shared that the Treasurer is not present and requested Clarmundo to call an Executive session with the Treasurer sometime next week. Everyone is welcome to attend. It can be scheduled from April 4-10, 2014.

VI. Report from the Court Imperial

- A. Empress Misha said that the E&E have been working on Coronation planning. She shared she met with Grand Duchess and Empress Shondra to plan Closet Ball 2014. Empress Shondra has agreed to direct and officiate over the event. There is a flyer produced. The event will take place on Saturday, April 19 at Faces. She conducted a "Night of Elegance" fundraising event at the Gallery. That evening she presented a check to the "Two Spirit" program of the Native American Health Center. They were grateful for the seed money. Matt will be doing a press release regarding the gift. Empress Misha also has planned another bucket run for the Camellia fund, which will be a part of funds disbursed at coronation. She shared there has been back and forth about whether charity monies should be distributed prior to Coronation or at Coronation. She felt that most of the benefitting agencies needed the money sooner than later. She has decided to disburse some of the monies she raised before Coronation and reserved some as well for disbursement at Coronation. She shared things are going well with Coronation planning. She and Emperor Gerald thanked the board for the support and participation. She shared she still needed help and encouraged board participation. There are two areas where she requested help: Hospitality and advertising. Empress Key has offered to assist with

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Hospitality and would appreciate someone else to help her. The other area where help is needed is advertising. Emperor Terry has agreed to help call the out of town courts and follow up with their ads. We need someone to oversee that. She asked the board to assist with securing other ads. Empress Misha said if you don't have a task for Coronation, "Ask yourself not what the court is going to do for you but what you can do for your court for Coronation." Please see Emperor Terry or Empress Misha if you can assist.

B. Emperor Gerald shared we had a good representation at Stockton's Coronation. Empress Misha was in Salem's Coronation last weekend. That was successful too. The upcoming weekend he is traveling with Emperor Terry and Mr. Gay to attend New York's Coronation. We are hoping to solicit court participation there to our Coronation. He wanted to reiterate what Empress Misha said about Coronation. They are meeting on a weekly basis and are making progress. He wanted to acknowledge Empress Do Me Moore's work with Coronation. Patrick Bass, First Gentleman to the Emperor, has been working hard too with planning. He shared he is sensing a great buzz about Coronation from other courts. He wanted to thank Emperor Terry, Kenny, TJ and Hoppy Brewery, which have offered beverages for Coronation. Emperor Gerald shared he has an upcoming fundraiser on April 18 at the Comedy Spot. Two shows will be offered. There are 90 seats available per show. Admission is \$15 per person and we get the full door. Raffle prizes will be offered. Emperor Terry asked if Emperor Gerald could provide Faces DJs information about his event and Coronation so they can announce them. Emperor Gerald raised a concern about someone purchasing a Coronation ticket on PayPal but not appearing in his account yet. Emperor Terry said we have had successful sales on PayPal but suggested anyone concerned about a possible Pay Pal problem to see Jeff about it.

C. Empress Misha shared she has had a lot of help from past monarchs with obtaining past campaign buttons and step down pins for both Coronations and Ducal Balls. She has secured CGNIE pins up to reign 10. There are some pins missing from past reigns. She plans to create three shadow boxes: one for the Ducal House, one for Imperial, and one for campaign buttons. Empress Shondra said she had some pins that Empress Misha could borrow.

D. Empress Misha shared that the Emperor's mantel will be mailed by Nova. She will have the other items mailed shortly. She shared she needed more silent auction items. She added that Emperor Gerald, Emperor Terry, Empress Do Me Moore and Emperor Tony have pitched in to purchase new crowning robes. They are short \$50 to have brand new ones made. Lori is putting together something grand. If you want to pitch in, please see her.

E. Empress Misha explained that a silent auction is something she didn't originally plan as part of Coronation but since Alameda Ducal had donated an item, she thought having it would generate more revenue.

F. Emperor Terry asked Empress Misha if she wanted to run down the script for Coronation. She passed the draft script around, which was developed from the past three CGNIE Coronations. One thing to note was to not walk the in-town organizations but announce them and spot light them.

G. Emperor Gerald shared he and Empress Misha have developed their list of proposed Life Time Title Holders, Court Member of the Year, and Humanitarian of the Year. Emperor Terry shared that the Secretary has always announced the Board Member of the Year but the monarchs nominated and voted who received it. Emperor Clarmundo clarified that it was the role of the E&E to name their Life Time Titles, the Court Member of the Year, and Humanitarian of the Year nominees. The monarchs named and voted for the Board Member of the Year. The board approves the Lifetime Title Holders and Humanitarian of the Year Award nominees. The Emperor and Empress proposed three Life Time Titles; one Life Time Title Holder each and a joint Life Time Title Holder. The nominees will find out they obtained their awards at Coronation. Emperor Terry shared that a nominee for a life time title needed to do something great to obtain one. You choose someone who is outstanding in the community; not just someone from your year. They also proposed the Humanitarian of the Year nominee. There was some discussion between Grand Duke Enrique and Emperor Gerald about whether or not the right person was nominated for Humanitarian of the Year. Emperor Terry

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asked Emperor Gerald and Grand Duke Enrique to clarify the matter and bring it back to the next board meeting. Empress Misha said there were two people that were on the board nominated for an award. Empress JoWana shared that board had to vote for the Life Time Titles because the Board is giving them rights and privileges. Emperor Gerald went around to each board member and whispered the name of his proposed Life Time Title Holder nominee. Afterwards, a vote was taken for the Emperor's Life Time Title Holder nominee. 10 yeas and one abstention. The motion carried. A vote was taken for the Empress's Life Time Title Holder nominee. 10 yeas. Motion carried. A vote was taken for the joint Life Time Title Holder nominee. 10 yeas. Motion carried.

H. Emperor Terry asked the E&E to read their proposed proclamations. Empress Misha shared her proclamation was a feel good proclamation. She chose her moniker this year to honor the empresses before her and the work they accomplished. So she is the Camellia Legacy, their legacy. Therefore, her proclamation reads, "In honor and recognition of CGNIE's 40 years of philanthropy, outreach and education in the GLBTQ community, I, YMIM do hereby proclaim from this day forward that CGNIE will also be know henceforth known again as the Camellia Court. CGNIE will also remain in our protocol recognizing the great territory that we represent. It is also my proclamation that all subsequent reigns shall name their court "...of the Camellia." As in "...the ___ of the spike" as in Salt Lake or "...the ___ of the wave" as in Long Beach. In spirit of the proclamation to bear witness to my sister empresses and their legacy, my court shall be henceforth known as the Legacy of the Camellia." Emperor Terry confirmed that we will be The Court of the Great Northwest Imperial Empire, the Camellia Court. Empress Misha acknowledged that she was not proposing to take CGNIE out. She shared this is a way to keep our history alive. Empress Misha motioned to approve her proclamation. A vote was taken. 8 yeas, 1 abstention. The motion carried. Emperor Gerald then discussed his proclamation. He shared his proclamation was meant to streamline the board selection process. He wants to give a little more weight to the Community At Large directors that are elected by the community. So he put them in a different order, which will have them selected earlier in the board seating process. He shared he worked on the extensively with Matt Bunch. The concept is when the board is seated, there are four people whose board membership continues from the old to the new board and that is the Grand Duke, Grand Duchess, Rainbow Festival Director and Fairy Godfather Director. Those people then are asked the newly elected emperor to serve and then they take a vote. Basically those four then vote if the newly elected Emperor will be seated. If so, then the newly elected Emperor becomes a member of the board and then those five votes if the newly elected Empress is seated. After the newly elected Empress is offered a seat, the immediate past President is asked to be seated and so forth. Then the next person offered a seat is the immediate past Emperor and past Empress. The reason for that is there is a lot of unfinished business that we have that the E&E needs to stick around on the board to help finish up. So, it's necessary for an ongoing basis for the most recent E&E can still be one the board to ensure things are carried out. There was some discussion about the current seating order of the board. Emperor Gerald continued by sharing that after the immediate past Emperor and Empress is seated, then the next group seated is the three community elected members. The first of the three is seated based on who got the most votes. At that point, the current Secretary invites any past monarchs present if they want to serve. In sum, the categories are basically the same. He is just reordered the categories and cleaned up the document. It also doesn't go back in chronological order. Matt said this proclamation is important is to make sure people we have people who are part of our community. First, It would be At Large Board Members up, people voted on the same time as the monarchs or the same time as the Grand Duke and Grand Duchess. It would move them back up to a place of ?. Second, it would make sure we give guaranteed seats for our Life Time title holders. He shared as Emperor Terry mentioned in tonight's meeting, the whole of idea of Life Time title holders is for someone who has done something great for our community. This proclamation would guarantee their representation on our board and guarantee . Emperor Terry shared he agreed with the proposed proclamation to some degree.

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The problem is with our own history as of last year, this proclamation would have made the board that we wanted to get rid of to stay longer. It would put them in the office and allow them to stay there. Matt said that according to the Sidie Codicil, allows any board member who has served in the previous two years to easily get back on the board. Empress Jowana shared that her understanding of a proclamation is to better the court, not the business of the organization. She shared there is a reason why we have seated the way we have. Emperor Terry suggested we take the proclamation home, read it, and discuss it at the next meeting. Emperor Gerald said that he is aware of proclamations that affected the board specifically and they were directed not just to the court but to the board itself. Empress Shondra shared she didn't believe this proclamation because it sounds more like a policy motion. Empress Misha shared that the positive thing about this proposed proclamation is the process of selection the seats designated for monarchs and life time title holders when you may have a strong board member or past monarch from way back in the day and they are kind of bumped out of the way for someone more recent yet not as strong. Emperor Gerald says that currently we go back in time, the most recent monarchs are asked to be seated first, which precludes us from having access to someone many years ago interested in serving who is also a more effective prospective board member. Emperor Terry shared on the other hand, it was expected the E&E stepping would want to get back on the board and complete what they may not have had an opportunity to during their reign. The things that have been happening is the E&E, when they step down, sometimes they don't stay or die. So the Only ones you have are the once that have been around for a hundred years. Emperor Terry asked the board to review Emperor Gerald's proposed proclamation and we will discuss it at the next board meeting.

H. Emperor Clarmundo reminded the Board that Board of Review is April 2 at the Kennedy Gallery. He shared we need board members and past monarchs to participate. Anyone interested in submitting an applications for E&E and Board Members At Large can submit their applications between 6pm to 7pm. After that the Board of Review process starts at 7pm and ending once we complete the process. Emperor Clarmundo reminded the E&E that they were supposed to secure a time and venue to announce locally the candidates for E&E. Empress Misha shared that would take place at Faces at 7PM the day after the ICP Ball.

I. Empress Shondra shared that there was an announcement about an emergency meeting about something. Emperor Gerald shared the meeting was about the possible lawsuit from an incident last year. We are trying to work through it and will take care of it.

VII. The Ducal House

A. Grand Duke Enrique shared that it was brought to his attention that a past Grand Duchess is having open heart surgery. The Ducal House would like to send her flowers and entertain a motion to approve sending her flowers. Emperor Terry said a vote wasn't necessary. Emperor Gerald shared we had a fund for such things called, "The Sunshine Fund." Emperor Terry said Empress Do Me Moore's mother used to do a fantastic job with the fund. Grand Duke Enrique thanked everyone who attended Scott's Birthday fundraising event last Friday at the Bolt. The Bolt was packed and feedback was great. \$422 was raised and was turned into Jeff at Faces on Sunday. He thanked the court and ICPs for their participation. He thanked Devon, their Ducal Ball Coordinator, for working with the Grand Duke and Grand Duchess on their Ducal Ball planning. More information will be available at the next board meeting. Ball tickets will be available for sale at our Coronation. The Sacramento Grand Ballroom looks like the best and cheapest venue they could find. The Vagabond on 2nd and J has agreed to be the host hotel. They are looking to host their Hospitality there.

B. Grand Duchess Harmony shared they have an upcoming event on Friday, April 11 at the Bolt. On Second Saturday, she plans to conduct a bucket run from 6pm to 9pm. Closet Ball planning is underway. Applications are available. Emperor Clarmundo inquired about how the King and Queen of Hearts pagent. She said that was Grand Duke Spade's event. She said it turned out very well. They raised \$427.

C. The Grand Duke and Grand Duchess distributed their 34th Ducal Reign report.

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VIII. The 3M Report

A. Emperor Gerald, as the 3M advisor, gave a brief update. He said the BBQ was successful and raised \$750. He thanked everyone who participated.

IX. LaKish Scholarship Fund Report

A. Emperor Clarmundo shared that there will be a Jock Off II fundraiser on April 4 at Faces. For more information, please consult the website or ask Scott Selzam.

X. Fairy Godfather's Fund

A. Tables for next meeting

XI. Coronation Status

A. Empress Do Me Moore asked if all monarchs could please bring a dish to Hospitality, which will be held at the Kennedy Gallery. If monarchs can do this, this will be less money spent from the coronation budget. If you don't cook, please consider giving money to her so she can purchase the things that are needed. Emperor Clarmundo shared that Emperor Billy Ray committed cooked chicken for Hospitality.

B. Grand Duke Enrique shared that he and Grand Duchess Harmony is helping Tony Southworth with protocol. If you want to send in your protocol in early, please email it to him and he will forward it to Tony. He also shared that coronation gift bags are coming along nicely. Anyone wanting to put something in the gift bags must get it to Grand Duke Enrique by April 18, 2014. There are currently 380 gift bags. You can put whatever you want in them. Faces, Hoppy Brewery, TJ and Breaking Barriers are putting things in the bag.

XIII. College of Monarchs Report

A. Tabled

XIV. Deneka St. James and Matt Torres Investigation

A. Emperor Terry said we have been working on this investigation. Emperor Gerald and he resolved it some time ago. He said that he will get the ruling out to the board in the near future. Emperor Terry read the resolution of the disciplinary inquiry regarding Deneka Ashley St. James and Matt Torres. In the interest of justice, a modification to the discipline imposed by the board of the 39 Reign. Both Deneka Ashley St. James and Matt Torres may be restored to membership in CGNIE upon paying their dues, and may use their titles in Court walks. Neither Deneka Ashley St. James nor Matt Torres shall be able to run for or hold any elected or appointed office in CGNIE as a monarch, crowned head, or Board member, nor shall either of them be placed in a position of supervising volunteers at any CGNIE-related events, for the remainder of the period of suspension imposed by the Board of the 39th Reign.

Emperor Gerald motioned to adjourn the meeting. Matt Bunch second. Meeting adjourned at 7:46PM.