

**PLATO Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Approved Minutes**  
February 11, 2022  
9:30 a.m. via Google Meet

Present: Kathy Brown, Alan Capelle, Carla DiIorio, Patricia Herrling, Mike Kernats, Scott Kolar, Hedy Lukas, Sharon Scrattish, Michael Stevens, Paul Thompson, Stephanie Steigerwaldt

**Approval of December 2021 Board Minutes** –Motion to approve made and passed.

**Bylaws Updates**

The Bylaws committee took the Board through the bylaws article by article with discussion of every article. The board called for the following revisions.

Article V, Section 1 dealing with member qualifications was deleted and replaced with a definition of what constituted “membership in good standing.” There was a discussion whether language regarding the expulsion of members or banning of disruptive members should be inserted. It was agreed that this issue should be referred to PLATO committees for discussion and the Bylaws Work Group will provide possible language for inclusion in the policies rather than the bylaws. For now, **Article V, section one will include the phrase** A person is a member in good standing of PLATO when he or she has paid the full membership fee for the current membership year and is in compliance with the rules and policies promulgated by the Board of Directors

Article VI, section 4, wording about the location of membership meetings in Dane County shall add the word “in-person” meeting for clarity.

Article IX, section 5 regarding the President as an ex officio member of PLATO committees with voting rights was discussed. Most were in favor of the President being ex officio but without voting privileges. Wording changed to “**The President shall be a non-voting ex officio member of ....**”

Mike Kernats suggested that language be added to Article IX, section 4 to clarify that the President presides at Executive Committee meetings and set the quorum requirement and affirmative voting requirements at 3.

There was a motion to accept the draft bylaws as submitted with revision in Article V, section 1, Article VI, section 4, Article IX, section 4, and Article IX, section 5. This draft would then be submitted to the Board for adoption at the April meeting. . **Motion approved.**

**Treasurer’s Report** –Scott reported that we are in good shape financially. Scott will bring a draft budget for review at the April Board meeting with approval at the April or June board meeting.

Workgroup Feedback Regarding Dues for FY23— the working group is doing research how costs related to diverse settings and requirements for meetings/classes. It is too soon to discuss an increase in dues at this time. Information coming out of the group’s research will be shared at the August board meeting.

## **Committee Updates**

- Fund Development Committee – The group is continuing to look for recipients that meet PLATO's requirements. Fundraising is going well.
- Membership & Communication Committee – Hedy reported on a campaign starting in April to communicate to membership about the value of PLATO. They are going to use 3 techniques: (1) highlight a current PLATO member; (2) a question/answer session with a PLATO member in the weekly update; and (3) a self-expression question to members in the weekly update regarding what PLATO means to them. Answers will be relayed in future weekly updates.
- Others:

**Next Board meeting: April 8, 2022**