

Discussion Draft

Membership Committee (MC) Meeting of November 4, Continued on November 8, 2003 Minutes of the Meeting

Attendance:

Tim Colen, Patrick Sweetland, Mondy Lariz, John Plummer, Mona Cereghino, John Hentz, Anna-Marie Bratton

Discussion:

Agenda Item 2a of November 4 meeting: MC Questions.doc.

Paragraph 1. Identification of officers: This matter was decided at the Nov. 4 meeting; all delegates for whom the primary signatory is not known were notified by email. Delegates who have not yet responded to email sent out on Nov. 7 will receive a copy of the cover letter and MoU by email with a request to follow up.

Paragraph 2. Status of Programs: The MC has examined the Task Force Rules concerning membership and needs further clarification by the Task Force: Is a "Program" an organization? Should these programs obtain independent membership status, or should their representatives participate through their parent member organization? We have proceeded on the assumption that the existing program-members will be accepted. We want to emphasize an open and inclusive policy regarding recommendations that is consistent with the Rules of the Task Force.

Paragraph 3. Organizational level: In the case where there are several levels of organizations, i.e., the Sierra Club which has national, state, regional and local chapters, we recommend that the membership from the local chapter be the key delegate, as we feel that they would best represent the interest of the Lake. However; we don't rule out the possibility of other branches joining as well, if we determine that their memberships could bring beneficial resources or a new perspective to the Task Force.

Paragraph 4. Organizational sub-units: Larger organizations may have several departments, or organizational sub-units, that have a stakeholder interest in Lake Merced and bring distinct perspectives to bear, e.g., the Geography and Biology departments at SFSU. The MC will request that these organizations decide whether they want to have multiple memberships or function as one organization. At the same time the MC recognizes the responsibility to assure that this flexibility is not abused.

Paragraph 5. Inactive members: The MC acted on this by sending out selected cover letters to every delegate who signed MoUs in the past.

Agenda Item 3 of Nov. 4 Meeting: Procedure for Membership Committee Processing of Membership Applications

See attached procedure.

Tim moved to accept the Procedure for MC Processing of Membership Applications as modified, Patrick seconded. Passed by unanimous vote.

Part 11: Guidelines for Reviewing Membership Applications.

We reviewed the guidelines. The MC decided that this was a document that would stay in the MC for use by the MC in determining memberships. This document would be revised and updated as we begin the process of reviewing applications. The guidelines would be a work in process. Mondy will look over the changes made today and make additions and/or deletions.

Action Item

Mondy motioned to ask for a modification to the rules to provide that partners be excluded from the requirement of meeting attendance and committee participation requirements and that they not be counted as part of the quorum since they cannot vote. Anna-Marie seconded. Unanimous- vote in favor. John will take this recommendation to the Task Force at the next meeting

The next meeting will be December 2 at 6pm. The subject of the next meeting will be the review of MoUs received in the interim.