



December 18, 2023

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ISOC-NY – BOARD OF DIRECTORS MTG- December 18, 2023– 6:30pm

Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm

Attending: Liwayway (Dawn) Arce-Rodriguez, Jennie Bourne, Dave Burstein, Phil Davis, Douglas Frazier, Nayeem Ghori, Namra Naseer, Greg Shatan, Joseph Shraibman, Polly Spain and Stuart Reid

1. Introductory statements by all Board Members in attendance.
2. Review of Meeting Agenda.
3. Statement of 2024 Chapter Goals by Board Members
 - a. Well-functioning Board and Officership
 - b. Regular Meetings – Suggested monthly meetings with regular time
 - c. Decision that **next BOD Meeting will be held on Monday, Jan. 8th, from 6:30pm to 8pm** (90 minutes in duration)
 - d. BOD will decide date and time of future BOD Meetings at Jan. 8th meeting
 - e. Suggestion that future meetings be hybrid, both live and virtual, in order to enhance engagement (live) and participation (virtual)
 - f. Suggestion that there be a General Membership meeting in February. TBD at next BOD meeting.
4. Review and Member selection of Committee Membership
 - a. **Election & Nominations:** Stu (current member & chair) , Polly and Doug volunteered
 - b. **Membership:** statement that there are approximately 1,300 members, with 1/3 not in the New York area. Actual General Membership meeting attendance ranged from 5-25 post-Pandemic; 50-75 pre-Pandemic. No specific volunteers noted
 - c. **Events & Programming:** Doug, Dave and Stu volunteered. Educational and social programming has been focus
 - d. **Budget & Finance:** Stu and Doug volunteered, with presumptive participation of Joseph (Treasurer); request that Treasurer's report be submitted in writing at

next BOD Meeting. Treasurer stated that Chapter has approximately \$16,000 in the bank, sourced primarily from fees for fiscal sponsorship services provided to NY Mesh (10% fee; received \$20,000 historically from Mesh). Recently paid \$500 to Joly MacFie for livestream of the *Harlem Emergency Preparedness Day* event at City College.

- e. Decision to postpone further discussion of Committees, including the By-Laws and Social Media Committees, to next BOD Meeting
5. Request that a summary of the Chapter's activities over the last 2-3 years be prepared to help new BOD Members get up-to-speed with the recent history of the Chapter, including breakdown of all of the acronyms used. Greg will produce and distribute to all by the end of the year.
6. Dave suggestions to be followed up upon at Jan. 8th BOD Meeting:
- a. That Chapter should allocate 10% of current funds to pay a person to help increase Chapter membership
 - b. Prioritize ISOC activities
 - c. Create podcasts of ISOC discussion topics, including interface with WHCR 90.3 FM "Community & Technology" show hosted by Stu & Dave
 - d. Discussion of support for ACP program
 - e. Discuss Palestinian Statement on Internet and possible Chapter support
 - f. Discussion of ask of ISOC Central for some portion of the \$40-50M in annual funding it receives from .org registration fees to go to local Chapters
7. Chapter is open to conducting future fundraising activities, including fiscal sponsorship for other entities
8. Meeting adjourned: 7:30 pm