

The DeKalb County Ad-Hoc Rules Review Committee was called to order at 7pm on October 11, 2007 in the Liberty Room by Chair Paul Stoddard. In attendance were Roger Steimel, Michael Haines, Pat LaVigne, Paul Stoddard, Marlene Allen and Michael Stuckert. Rich Osborne was absent.

Pat LaVigne was voted secretary.

Chair Stoddard shared with us that he had invited 4 Democrats and 4 Republicans in the spirit of fairness, and to ensure that decisions are based on a consensus of the group. Possible issues to address include meeting room arrangement, committee assignment procedures, voting order, committee chair selection criteria and other procedures.

We decided to discuss the meeting room arrangement. It was discovered that the Gathertorium was open. After moving furniture and much discussion, we would like to suggest that the staff and board enter the room from the west door and the public enters from the east door. West door should have signage indicating this. We would like to suggest that the board be located at the west end of the Gathertorium as follows: the Board Chair's podium should be centered at the west end, flanked on each side by two rows of tables, with 7 board members in each of the front rows and 5 members in each of the second rows. The public's podium would be in the same place as it is currently with the audience in rows facing the Board. There would have to be a place for the clerk and additional staff. We believe there should be no private interaction, including the passing of pamphlets, between board members and the public during our meetings.

Several suggestions regarding voting order rotation were discussed, but no final decisions were reached. More discussion is planned.

We spent considerable time regarding committee chair assignments, appointments, etc. The main suggestion, that chairmanships be allotted in proportion to the Board representation, will need more research. Also suggested was the Board's Chair and Vice Chair should be of different parties. It was also suggested that someone not be a chair of a committee upon which they have never served.

Much discussion followed.

Next meeting date will be Tuesday, Nov. 6th at 7pm.

DEKALB COUNTY BOARD

November 6, 2007 – Freedom Room – 7:00 pm

Meeting was called to order by Chair Paul Stoddard promptly at 7:00 pm. Attending were Marlene Allen, Mike Haines, John Hulseberg, Pat LaVigne, Roger Steimel, Paul Stoddard, and Mike Stuckert. Rich Osborne was absent.

Chair Stoddard presented the agenda, no changes were suggested. The minutes were presented and it was noticed that John Hulseberg's attendance at the October meeting was not noted. Roger Steimel moved and Mike Stuckert seconded the motion to approve the minutes as amended. Motion passed.

Chair Stoddard noted we had talked about the alignment of the meeting room, proportional committee structures, and voting order consensus. Much discussion followed.

Last time we agreed on alignment of room, and when Chair Stoddard mentioned it to a few people they were intrigued by it. John H. suggested moving the public podium from north wall to the south wall for ease in seeing and hearing someone speak if they were by or near the east door. It was suggested that John H. should draw it up on "cad". All were in agreement of the room arrangement.

The question was asked if anyone had asked Sharon Holmes about the voting rotation question. Mike S. suggested that he had mentioned it to her. After discussion it was decided that a rotation alphabetically each month would be a working method. That would mean each county board member would have a chance once in 24 months to vote first. Discussion followed with suggestions from other members. If member is absent, it would go to the next name.

Mike S. suggested his issue is, and he doesn't want to beat a dead horse, but that a lot of issues are by-passing committees. We need to draft a rule-change including standing committees. Only extraordinary circumstances should come to the executive committee for immediate passage. As a rule we should have time to discuss and ponder issues. We should invite Ron

Roger S. presented an idea he had regarding proportional selection of committee chairs for 24 board members and seven committees. It is attached for you to study. MUCH discussion followed.

Paul S. shared with us that Rich Osbourne indicated he would not be able to attend this committee and it was suggested by John H. that we invite Sally DeFauw to join us.

The next meeting will be November 27th or December 18th, whichever is more convenient for Mr. Matekaitis. Ms. LaVigne will not be able to attend either meeting date because of a previous commitment.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

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