

Novi Democratic Club Meeting January 10, 2019

1. Karen Zyczynski opens meeting with a call to elect an Acting Chair and Acting Secretary to the club.
 - A. Brian Smith, Colleen Crossey & Marian Mahoney are nominated. Everyone present in the room voted and the results are 20 votes for Marian, 18 votes for Brian, and 8 votes for Colleen. **Marian is elected Acting Chair until a new board is elected.**
 - B. There were no nominees for acting secretary, **Aditi Bagchi volunteered and was named acting secretary.**

2. Marian called the meeting to order and proposes the first order on the agenda is **who has voting rights in the club.**
 - A. Karen: Only Novi residents can vote so other area residents don't come into the Novi Club and "pad votes" during elections
 - B. Colleen: Anyone should be able to join and vote if they are dues paying members
 - C. Kelly Breen: Only DWOC area residents can vote with or without paying dues. (later she redacted her suggestion)
 - D. Rob: Anyone who is a dues-paying MDP member should be able to vote
 - E. John Cherney: wants South Lyon included in voting
 - F. Maria: Canton Dem Club allows other nearby residents to vote
 - G. A vote was called for and the result is a majority decided that **everyone here today can vote today and, in the future, the newly formed bylaws will dictate who will vote.**

3. **The process and timeline for establishing a board and bylaws**
 - A. Marian suggests: Elect 3 people to a temporary election committee tonight. They will collect applications from candidates who wish to be elected on the board and distribute them via email. The elections for the first Novi Democratic Club board will be held at the next meeting on Tuesday, February 19th. The board would then draft the bylaws.
 - B. Brian suggests: **Elect a chair, vice-chair and 3 members at large of a bylaws committee. They will draft the bylaws and around March, a first board will be elected for the Novi Democratic Club under the rules of the bylaws. The bylaws committee would then be dissolved.**
 - C. A third suggestion was added to have 2 temporary committees: 1 to administer the elections and 1 to form the bylaws. These committees would work together to simultaneously create a board and bylaws.
 - D. After a lively debate, a vote was taken. The results: 2 votes for option A, 37 votes for Option B and 13 votes for Option C. **Option B wins.**

- E. A Side discussion inside this discussion revolved around the idea that calling this club the 'Novi Democratic Club' was offensive as it "denigrates" residents outside of Novi and causes confusion as the term NDC is most often associated with the Northville Democratic Club. It was decided that the bylaws would create an official name for the club.

4. Setting a location, date, and time for the next meeting.

- A. Option #1: 3rd Tuesday of the month
- B. Option #2: 1st Thursday on the month
- C. A vote was taken: Option 1 has 30 votes and Option 2 had 19 votes. Option #1 wins and the **Novi Democratic Club meetings will be held at the Novi United Methodist Church at 41671 W. Ten Mile Rd (West of Meadowbrook) on the 3rd Tuesday of every month. The time was not determined.**

5. Voting on the Bylaws Committee

- A. Chair
 - 1. Karen nominates Brian Smith
 - 2. Pat nominates Jasper Catanzaro (Jasper declines nomination)
 - 3. Brian Smith wins**
- B. Vice Chair
 - 1. Cynthia nominates Carolyn Upton
 - 2. Kelly nominates Aaron Martinez
 - 3. Karen nominates Ann Kowalczyk (Ann declines nomination)
 - 4. Carolyn receives 27 votes, Aaron receives 28 votes and **Aaron Martinez wins**
- C. Members at large
 - 1. Karen nominates Carolyn Upton
 - 2. Colleen nominates Colleen Crossey
 - 3. Kelly nominates Andrew Mutch
 - 4. Pat nominates Jasper Catanzaro (Jasper declines nomination)
 - 5. Ann nominates Aditi Bagchi (Aditi declines nomination)
 - 6. **Carolyn Upton, Colleen Crossey, and Andrew Mutch win** 3 member-at-large positions.

Marian Adjourns meeting

Several post meeting announcements are made including members running for MDP chair, the upcoming DWOC meeting, the MDP spring convention, and the Women's March