

Minutes of NgoRS Officer and Board Meeting (December 8, 2022)

Present:

C. Genco (President)
J. Edwards (President-elect)
A. Criss (Treasurer)
W. Shafer (Secretary)
O. Harrison (At-Large Member)
H. Seifert (Past President)
A. Potter (At-Large Trainee member)
L. Snyder (Director, NgoRS seminar series)

Absent:

M. Christodoulides (At-Large Member)
K. Seib (At-Large Member)

Summary: The officers of the NgoRS (President C. Genco, President-elect J. Edwards, Treasurer A. Criss, and Secretary W. Shafer), NgoRS Board Members (O. Harrison, A. Potter, and H. Seifert), and L. Snyder (Director of the 2023 NgoRS seminar series) met virtually on December 8, 2022 (0730 h, EST). The major topics of discussion were: state of society membership, the NgoRS seminar series, election of new officers and at-large members, the 2023 NgoRS meeting, the 2023 IPNC meeting, and the use of Discord.

- 1. Membership:** The Board discussed the reduced number of NgoRS members and how to communicate the need to increase members. The Board has agreed by a unanimous vote (8-0) to solicit nominations from the membership of individuals willing to serve on the Board as Director of Communications (DoC). The DoC will be supported by a salaried, part-time individual responsible for providing necessary services. The salary for the communications specialist will be drawn from the NgoRS account.
- 2. NgoRS seminar series:** The 2023 seminar series will be directed by L. Snyder. The seminar will not occur on a repetitive, pre-determined, schedule - dates and times will be announced to accommodate speakers' schedules. A working list of nominee and volunteer speakers has been compiled, and speaking slots have been solidified for seminars commencing in March. Speakers for earlier dates (January/February) are presently being considered by L. Snyder. Solicitation of speakers is on-going and members are encouraged to suggest potential speakers.
- 3. NgoRS conference:** The Board agreed that the next NgoRS conference will be held in 2024. The conference will be organized by Board members J. Edwards and O. Harrison who will invite additional individuals to serve on the Organizing Committee and with the goal to have an in-person meeting. Details of the conference will be announced in the future.
- 4. Status of election of new Board members:** The Board will solicit nominations in January/February, 2023 for the positions of Secretary, Director of Communications, and At-Large Trainee Member. Elections will then be held via email in March/April, 2023. The elected members will begin their service on July 1, 2023. It was agreed that President C. Genco, Treasurer A. Criss, and At-Large Board Members O. Harrison, M. Christodoulides, and K. Seib will continue to serve until June 30, 2024.
- 5. Working with the planners of the IPNC 2023 (September, 2023, Boston, USA):** The Board discussed the possibility of working with the Organizers of the IPNC 2023 to have NgoRS-sponsored events that would include discussions on career opportunities and mentoring. The format and topics for these events will be the subject of further discussion. At-Large Trainee member A. Potter will head up a committee comprised of NgoRS trainee members to gather and formulate ideas, but ideas from the greater membership are welcome.
- 6. Status of Discord:** By unanimous vote (8-0) the Board decided to discontinue the availability of Discord on the website as its use has been minimal.
- 7. NgoRS budget:** Treasurer A. Criss announced that as of December 8, 2022, the balance of the NgoRS account is \$10,415.58.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. Shafer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

W. Shafer, Secretary, NgoRS