Executive Board Conference Call Notes
November 30, 2017

Present for the Call: President, Jim Neal; President-Elect, Loida Garcia-Febo; Immediate Past President, Julie Todaro; Treasurer, Susan Hildreth; Interim Executive Director, Mary Ghikas; Director of Governance, JoAnne Kempf; Executive Board Secretariat, LaTasha Bryant; Board Members: Karen Downing, Julius Jefferson Jr., Mike Marlin, Andrew Pace, Lessa Pelayo-Lozada, Gina Persichini, Patty Wong.

1. **Status of Planning for the Petition and Member Vote in the Spring – JoAnne Kempf**
   - Due to the Council vote to change the educational requirements for the Executive Director from “required” to “preferred”, a group of members wish to file a petition to place the measure before membership on the 2018 spring ballot. ITTS has added a new petition type to the electronic petition site for member initiatives.
   - The number of signatures needed to place the measure on the ballot is 1% of personal members; this percentage will be based on the membership numbers as of August 31st which were 50,570. [Note that this number included members who were in their 3-month grace period. On December 1 it was learned that these members are not eligible to sign petitions; therefore, the number of required signatures was changed to be based on only paid-in-full members as of August 31 which was 47,918.]
   - February 13th is the recommended closing date for the online petition because it coincides with the end of Midwinter 2018.
   - John DeSantos will create the language and get the URL to send the petition. If the petition gets the 506 votes needed, then it will be placed on the spring ballot. It is recommended a pro and a con statement be included in the same format as Constitution or Bylaws changes. The word limit of the proposed change to bylaws pro and con statement is 250 words. An explanation of how the number of votes were derived will be included in the proposed change to the policy.
   - Twenty-five percent of the voting membership recorded on January 31, 2018 will need to vote for the policy to be changed.

2. **Mary Ghikas’s consultation with Paula Goedert concerning any legal advice**
   - Mary Ghikas spoke with attorney Paula Goedert to obtain her advice regarding this process. The gist of this conversation was spelled out in Mary’s email to the Board on 11/29/17.
   - ALA will not circulate this petition. John DeSantis will have to send the petition and publicize it.
   - No public statement will be made until it goes on the ballot in February.

3. **How to proceed with the search given the vote of Council.**
   - The search process will cease until May or after the status of the petition is determined.
   - A discussion about the search process will be held at the Council meeting at Midwinter

4. **Purpose, content and placement of a board statement**
   - The Board received questions and concerns after the Council election and decided to address these concerns in a statement. After discussion the Board decided that it would not issue a statement. A statement will be issued by the Search Committee. The statement will address issues of fairness and procedural accuracy.