

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Council Meeting # 10

Date: 2014-02-09

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I received some complaints about how attendance was being recorded. This stems from whether or not it is appropriate to mark a position as "absent" or "not appointed" if they have no reasonable ability to attend a meeting (such as being out of the country).

I discussed with Emma, and we decided that such cases should be uniformly marked as "absent with regrets." This considers the position occupied (and thus counts towards quorum), but is "excused" in that it is not marked as an absence in the attendance record.

Unfortunately, this retroactive change to attendance has meant the 2014-08-09 Council meeting did not meet quorum. As such, I am recommending the following motion for adoption:

***BIRT** all actions decided by the 2014-08-09 meeting of Council, which failed to meet quorum, be ratified;*

***BIFRT** any further actions resulting from such actions in the intervening period be considered binding and valid.*

I have also specifically noted in the attendance record when positions were appointed by Council. These are marked as "appointed." For these meetings, the persons so marked are considered as attending.

On another note, because of the apparent problems with the Council list, everyone who was absent from the 2015-01-26 Council meeting has been marked as absent with regrets.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.