

**GPOA Board Closed Meeting**  
**The Emerald, 10 January, 2024, 5:30 pm**

**1. Call to order 5:29pm by JB**

**2. Board Attendance**

Julia Burke (JB) present  
Andy Early (AE) present  
Sarah Sawyer (SS) present  
Doug Cheek (DC) present  
Ashley Smith (AS) absent, unexcused  
Hoben Thomas (HT) present  
Vickie Ryckman (VR) present

**3. Meeting Part One**

The first part discussed continuing issues and long standing problems: 1) There currently is no reliable list of GPOA members. Discussion focussed on how to obtain one. 2) Directory information can be unreliable, and instances were so noted in the current 2024 Directory. Furthermore, there are 693 listed entries, while it was reported there are 672 residential locations. 3) Janet Hartman had earlier communicated with the board concerning the website, asking what should be the website's main thrust and purpose. There was general consensus that the website requires a reworking, but no specific action was taken. 5) DC raised issues of the finance committee membership and purpose, and the difficulties surrounding budget preparation, partly a finance committee matter. 6) DC moved to accept both the 14 December and 18 December working meeting minutes, which was seconded and passed. 7) AE presented and discussed certain line items concerning 2023 and 2024 year to date figures. Account totals as of 31 December 2023: Checking \$15,848.86; Savings \$30,278.00.

The meeting recessed about 6:02 pm and restarted about 6:10 pm

**4. Meeting Part Two**

Bylaws committee members Scott Speicher, Mick Waring (MW) and Parks Schaefer (PS) joined the board to discuss proposed bylaws changes while requesting board suggestions. PS largely controlled the discussion, which involved a wide range of issues. In particular, whether there should be one annual meeting or two. It was decided that an attempt would be made to survey the membership prior to a decision being rendered. A goal of the committee according to MW was to have the board's approval of the proposed changes prior to any legal review, so that the board would be able to support and recommended the proposed bylaws changes to the GPOA members. The subsequent membership's vote would thus, hopefully, approve the changes. No board actions were taken nor were any specific board actions proposed. However, overall consensus was that the meeting went well, with implicit recognition by the committee of certain board concerns to be addressed. There are likely subsequent joint meetings in the days ahead.

The meeting ended roughly at 7:35pm.

**5. Next meeting: Monday, 15 January, 5:30pm The Emerald.**

Hoben Thomas  
Board Secretary, 12 January 2024