



**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
Feb. 4, 2017, 4:00-6:00 PM  
at Char's house**

**Attendees:**

Joanne Richards (president)  
Dan Eckam (secretary)  
Char Dison (board member)  
Saundra Ragona (board member)  
Naiman Rigby (board member)

**Discussion items:**

- 1. Minutes approved.** We confirmed approving, by email, the minutes of our last board meeting on January 14.
- 2. Treasurer's report.** Our treasurer was not in attendance, but reported to the secretary two days after the meeting that our current balance at the end of January was \$1055.98.
- 3. Report on NPVIC effort.** Dan updated the board about the status of our effort to get Texas to join the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact. HB 496 has been filed in the Texas House. We've also submitted an op-ed to the Dallas News. A new email list for this effort was created in late December.
- 4. Report on Integrity Texas.** Joanne reported that Integrity Texas has a website with a tracking document for House & Senate bills; different groups leading on different issues (e.g. LWV for online voter registration) -- [integritytexas.org](http://integritytexas.org); 11 different issues; larger group may be called Democracy Texas.
- 5. Board changes.**
  - Mary Patrick has resigned from the board, effective today.
  - Teresa Taylor (previously on a leave of absence) resigned on January 24 in an email to Joanne.
  - Motion: accept both Teresa & Mary as friends of the board; unanimously approved.
- 6. Discussion about group literature (rack cards or bookmarks).**

The group decided to create new bookmarks. Joanne will contact Global Printing to learn about pricing of rack card, a bookmark, and a size in between the two. We'll ask Stewart to do the layout, since he did it last time and reportedly enjoys that kind of work. Naiman volunteered to do writing, with Char to help with editing.
- 7. Discussion: how to utilize volunteers?**

We got a lot of new names at an event sponsored by Rep. Donna Howard on Jan. 31, prompting us to wonder how best to put volunteers to work. Some ideas considered:

- tabling
- testifying at the capitol
- joining the board
- recruiting & networking

Joanne will send email to people interested in volunteering.

### **8. Discussion of March meeting.**

We'll have Anna Graybeal from Citizens Climate Lobby, and Art Markman from "Two Guys on Your Head". Trying to get someone from the deliberative democracy movement.

Naiman volunteered to record the meeting and post it on YouTube.

### **9. Discussion of future meeting plans.**

We considered ideas for meetings in April and beyond, including:

- CodeNext
- redistricting with Craig Tounget, founder of Texas Citizens Redistricting Initiative and someone from the computer modeling community. [Austin CRC panel was in Sept 2014]
- impact of closed vs open primaries on party candidate selection
- offer to host city council candidate forums in cities outside of Austin before their May 6 elections
- intersectionality? free speech piece?

We decided that the program for our April 1, 2017 general meeting will be on a citizens redistricting commission.

### **10. Discussion of upcoming email messaging.**

- Craig Tounget & his [redistricting initiative](#) (see blog post)
- Soon, another NPVIC update

With so much happening, we agreed to allow a maximum of one email per week