

**Minutes of the Board of Directors  
of  
Collective Communications, Inc**

**September 16, 2021**

**The following Directors were present at the meeting:**

Roger Eaton (Executive Director and Treasurer)

Bronwyn Galloway (President)

Irene Lawton Kisch (Secretary)

**Guests:** None

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Bronwyn Galloway at 5:00 p.m.

**Approval of Board of Directors (“BOD”) Minutes**

The first order of business was the approval of the May 20, 2021 BOD Minutes.

By unanimous consent, the May 20, 2021 BOD Minutes were approved.

**Treasurer’s Report - prepared by Roger Eaton**

**May 1 through August 31, 2021**

Balance as of May 1, 2021: \$507.28

Income (donations from Roger): \$7,275.93

Income (donations from Amazon Smile): \$6.59

Outgoing (payments to Flemming Funch for programming): \$6,800

Balance as of September 1, 2020: \$989.80

**Report on Advisory Board Members**

Roger reported on his contact and conversations with the following Advisory Board Members: Svetlana Rishina, Patty Rowuin, Ana Maria Sanchez, Joe Simpson, and Ronald van Ammers.

Of the Advisors listed, only Patty Rowuin is most interested in staying in contact.

Further discussions, if any, will be had at the January, 2022 meeting.

### **Bylaws Amendment**

Secretary, Irene Lawton Kisch, will finalize the following May 20, 2021 approved amendment to the Bylaws with the updated version presented at the January 13, 2022 BOD Meeting:

#### ARTICLE V - BOARD MEETINGS

##### Regular Meetings

Section 5.01 - Regular meetings of the Board of Directors, shall be held, without notice, on the second Thursday of every January, May and September, commencing at 5:00 p.m. either at a location agreed upon by the BOD or via a telephone/video conference call. If the day fixed for the regular meeting falls on a legal holiday, the meeting shall be held at the same hour on the next succeeding Thursday which is not a legal holiday.

### **Changes to Voices of Humanity Interface**

1. Roger reported that on advice by Penny Kanouse the nonprofit has 1) greatly simplified the interface; 2) added the ability to login as Visitor without signing up; and 3) changed the date options so once you change the option, it does not revert when you go to a different community.
2. Furthermore, on advice from a URI contact, a checkbox has been added to items to mark the items as "important!". This will make the highest rated items more likely to be issue oriented rather than just cute. Also we have a new fundraising link with a better jpeg.

Roger next mentioned and asked whether the nonprofit should

C. include and or focus on either of 1) Israeli - Palestinian Peace conversation; 2). interfaith conversation; and/or 3). complete work on bottom-up network and

D. hire a PR assistant? Looks like we can find someone for \$25/hour. See <https://www.upwork.com/ppc/landing/?hl=Top-Rated%20PR%20Assistants&ct=PR%20assistants&title=%22PR%22AND%22assistant%22> - the sooner the better.

Bronwyn Galloway volunteered to be the PR person for the time being until one has been hired.

The Board left it to Roger Eaton to decide.

**Additional Matters:**

Roger reported that the nonprofit is

1. lining up 101 people who will participate in VoH if another 100 also promise the same in a facebook group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/122363906371824>.

This is the next big action item after we have the Israeli-Palestinian Peace conversation working. We had 39 signed up, but then I stopped promoting it because the VoH interface was having too many problems. The interface is now working well, including the facebook signup. When we have 50 members signed up we will have a zoom meeting.

2. SF UN Goals is still on the back-burner until we get off the ground. The San Francisco Women's Section was not interested when Roger Eaton reached out to them.
3. Fediverse - Flemming is making headway. We are beginning to integrate the Fediverse capability with the standard VoH online forum. Not sure how we can do the outreach needed to get this going.
4. If we cannot get off the ground by mid 2022, then we should reconsider the whole project.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 pm

**Next Meeting**

The next Zoom meeting of the Board of Directors will be held, on Thursday, January 13, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.

**Respectively submitted:**

**/s/ Irene Lawton Kisch**

**Secretary**

Date: September 16, 2021