

**The Colorado Mountain Club  
STATE COUNCIL MEETING  
SATURDAY, October 17 2009**

**State Council Voting Members Present:**

Steve Bonowski, Denver Group  
Peter Gowan, Boulder Group  
Carol Kurt, Aspen Group  
Art Hoagling, Denver Group  
Linda Lawson, Denver Group  
Dick Munro, Boulder Group  
Roger O'Hara, El Pueblo Group  
Jim Rein, Gore Range  
Chip Tuthill, San Juan Group  
Paul Weber, Ft. Collins Group

**Board Members Present:**

Wynne Wyman, President, CMC Facilitator  
Jim Berryhill  
Nancie Biery, Secretary  
David Hite  
Earl Hughes  
Dana Miller, Treasurer  
Paul Raab  
John Raich  
Sherry Richardson  
Jim Riddell  
Ed Seely

**Staff Member(s) Present:**

Katie Blackett, Executive Director, CMC

**Others Present:**

Dale Hengesbach  
Bert Bast  
John Fernandez  
Alice White  
Vern Bass  
Jim Rain, Gore Range  
Dan Robertson

**Welcome and Introduction**

A comprehensive and informative presentation was given by Alan Stark, CMC Press, that included discussion on the mission, vision and values of the CMC, and the relationship with The CMC Press , past, present and future.

Wynne Whyman, CMC president, called the meeting to order at 9:05 A.M. She thanked everyone for preparing and participating.

## State Council Effectiveness Brainstorm

The effectiveness of the State Council addressed at length.

Reference Roles and Responsibilities draft dated 10/09, a document generated and summarized by president Wynne Wyman. . See Attachment "d."

Brainstorming session exchanged ideas and thoughtful discourse that included:

- Pros and cons of a State Council as a stand alone decision making committee;
- Roles and responsibilities and relationship both(direct and indirect to CMC board of directors, other committees, Group Chairs and members, stakeholders;
- Common presentation and reporting,
- Travel capabilities, meeting schedules, and time constraints;
- Task Management and decision making as it relates to time management. (Council meets only 2 times a year).
- Collaboration and risk management.

A straw vote was taken to determine if a meeting of the State Council should continue today and proceed with the agenda, as well as meet in the future. After a tally, it was determined that State Council continue as a representative body, to meet again in April 2010.

Presented before State Council for vote. Motion made to approve Roles/Responsibilities document as "a work in progress." Discussion. Motion made to re-phrase the original motion to state: Roles and Responsibilities document be adopted.

Amendment: Recognizing that State Council roles will be more clearly defined, moved that the document be approved/adopted by the next meeting of the State Council (April 2010) or within 12 months of this meeting. Motion passed.

The Roles/Responsibilities continued to be summarized and discussed.

-It was identified that Group Chairs serve as the CEO for each group, and is the financial authority for Groups.

-Group Councils: Legislative body, they represent members' interests. Note that not all groups have group councils.

-Staff: Support operation of total organization consistent with mission.

-Board committees: Act within the assignments of Board, and are working groups that advise board in specifically assigned areas.

-State Operations Committee: Daily operation for specific program areas, is a statewide application, go through CEO.

-State BOD – business affairs and legal authority that binds the organization. They provide fiduciary, duty, loyalty, and trust as a 501C3 public non-profit.

Wynne Whyman continued that the State Council body continues to evolve, and will move ahead. She thanked everyone for attending today's State Council.

### **Election of two (2) tellers for onsite and remote tallying of Director election for board of directors.**

Motion made and seconded. Motion approved. Nancie Biery and John Raich were selected by consensus to tally votes.

## **Nominating Committee**

John Raich, Chair, provided an overview of the process and distributed necessary job description documentation and voting documents. Roll call taken to determine voting members present, of which there are 10. Wynne W. is a non-voting member. There are \_\_\_\_ candidates to select for six (6) positions. Discussion given to the recent resignation of Vice President, Bill Strathearn.

Motion and second made to elect Alice White as Vice President of the Colorado Mountain Club to fill a three (3) year term. Motion passed.

Motion made to eliminate the current ballot and identify the one who gets least number of votes get to fill the empty position. The top 6 get on board and the lowest number of votes gets a 2 yr term. The motion fails 6 to 4. Ballot remains as originally presented.

Handwritten ballots counted. Top five (5) candidates were elected for 3 year terms. Lauren Schwartz will fill the two (2) year board position. Wynne W. thanked the nominating committee for providing the candidate ballot and providing the State Council with thorough background information. Newly elected nominees will receive appropriate notification of their election to the board; Wynne W. to notify each as well and schedule appropriate orientation.

See attachments "a," "b" and "c."

## **State Council-Membership Committee Draft of 10/09**

Sherry Richardson, board member, distributed document for review. Considerate dialogue included leadership, continuity of service, roles and responsibilities, group tool kits which include recruitment, conflict resolution systems, group standards; also discussed was volunteers, group needs, survey members, interface with other committees, and election of the board of directors, committee compositions, council compositions, decision making capabilities, authorities and accountabilities as well as the original/historical rationale for its existence.

See Attachment "e."

A motion and second made to institute the organization structure of State Council for chair and secretary positions. Motion passed. Paul Weber, Ft. Collins Group, indicated he would act as chair of the State Council as it moves forward. It was the consensus of those present to accept this role by Paul. Wynne W. thanked him for "stepping up" and performing the complex duties as chair for State Council.

## **Visual Explorer**

Wynne W., President, identified this topic and facilitated this exercise with State Council representatives, board members, and guests.

It is a tool as a way of addressing state and group tensions. Questions is "How do we describe and address this concern now and in the future?" Visual Explorer is a tool for facilitating creative conversations using visual images. VE helps create meaningful dialogue around complex challenges or difficult issues. Its benefits are in bringing together multiple perspectives, and in creating new perspectives and shared understanding. It is an effective tool to use when people have been stuck in their points of view.

## **Adjournment**

Motion and second to adjourn. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM.

Attachments:

- a. Nominating committee job description (CMC files) (1 page).

- b. Nomination Committee Recommendations, October 2009 (Nominating Committee) (3 pages).
- c. Nomination Committee – CMC Board Nominee Highlights (Nominating Committee) (5 pages).
- d. CMC Group roles and responsibilities Draft. (4 pages)
- e. CMC State Council Membership Committee 9/10/09 final draft. (3 pages).

Minutes reported by Nancie Biery, BOD secretary.