



## PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION | GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

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9/30/2014 6:30 PM | IN PERSON | *Meeting called to order by* David Wang

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### In Attendance

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It was noted that (a) parents and other “persons in a parental relation” as defined by the regulations of the New York City Chancellor and designated persons having a relationship to a child or children currently attending Q300 (the “**Parents**”) and (b) eligible Q300 teachers and instructional staff members who are currently employed on a full-time basis (the “**Staff**”) at Q300 were present. The total number of Parents and Staff present was 41.

### Call to Order

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David called the General Membership Meeting of the Q300 Parent-Teacher Association (the “Association”) to order at 6:30pm.

### 1. Changes to Draft Bylaws

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David referred to the draft bylaws, which had been distributed by email to the Membership prior to the meeting (the “Draft Bylaws”). He also noted that hard copies of the Draft Bylaws were available to the Membership at the meeting.

David noted that the Draft Bylaws contemplate the following standing committees: (i) Membership Committee, (ii) Fundraising Committee, (iii) Communications Committee, (iv) Community Affairs Committee, (v) Budget Committee, and (vi) Audit Committee. The Bylaws also contemplate the formation of an ad hoc committee by the Executive Board or membership.

David introduced parent Konstantinos Georgatos, who presented to the Membership a proposal to add a standing Enrichment Committee to the Draft Bylaws. The purpose of the Enrichment Committee would be to enhance the enrichment programs offered to Q300 students, and that the Enrichment Committee would be chaired by an elected Vice President of Enrichment who would also serve on the Association’s Executive Board (the “Board”). The Enrichment Committee would conduct research into enrichment and afterschool providers and assist the Fundraising Committee in obtaining funds for such programs. Potential enrichment programs could include, but are not limited to, art, music, dance, chess, physical education, language, science and social awareness.

David opened the floor for questions and discussion.

Konstantinos proposed a motion to add a standing Enrichment Committee chaired by an elected Vice President of Enrichment. The motion was seconded. David asked for a show of hands, and it was counted that a majority was not in favor of the motion. David announced that the motion had failed.

A motion was proposed to amend the Draft Bylaws so that “enrichment” become part of the responsibilities of the Grade Representatives. The motion was seconded. David asked for a show of hands, and it was counted that a majority was in favor of the motion. David announced that the motion had passed.

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## 2. Approval of Bylaws

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A motion was proposed to adopt the Draft Bylaws with the addition of “enrichment” as part of the mandate of the Grade Representatives. The motion was seconded. David asked for a show of hands, and it was counted that a majority was in favor of the motion. David announced that the motion had passed.

David announced that, upon adoption of the Bylaws, the Association is now officially formed.

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## 4. Election of Executive Board

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David announced that the next item of business is the election of the 204-2015 officers of the Board for 2014-2015. Parent Paula Marisi announced that she would officiate the election, as she is not running for any position. She noted that many candidates had submitted biographies, which were available in hard copy at the meeting.

A motion was proposed to nominate David Wang as President. The motion was seconded. David accepted the nomination for President. Paula asked whether there are any other nominations for that position; no other nominations were made.

A motion was proposed to nominate Serena Reisner as Vice President. The motion was seconded. Serena accepted the nomination for Vice President. Paula asked whether there are any other nominations for that position; no other nominations were made.

A motion was proposed to nominate each of Maria Duda and Jasmine Rosner as Co-Treasurers. The motion was seconded. Maria and Jasmine each accepted the nomination for Co-Treasurer. Paula asked whether there are any other nominations for that position; no other nominations were made.

A motion was proposed to nominate Abrielle Rosenthal as Recording Secretary. The motion was seconded. Abrielle accepted the nomination for Recording Secretary. Paula asked whether there are any other nominations for that position; no other nominations were made.

A motion was proposed to nominate each of Sarah Chang and Sonal Ross as Co-Vice President of Fundraising. The motion was seconded. Sarah accepted the nomination for Co-Vice President of Fundraising and also accepted such nomination on behalf of Sonal. Paula asked whether there are any other nominations for that position; no other nominations were made.

A motion was proposed to nominate Eleonora Rabinovich as Vice President of Membership. The motion was seconded. Eleonora accepted the nomination for Vice President of Membership. Paula asked whether there are any other nominations for that position; no other nominations were made.

A motion was proposed to nominate each of Jamie Trish and Ellen Berger as Co-Vice President of Communications. The motion was seconded. Ellen accepted the nomination for Co-Vice President of Communications and accepted such nomination on behalf of Jamie. Paula asked whether there are any other nominations for that position; no other nominations were made.

A motion was proposed to nominate each of Melissa Cruz and Maria Hantzopoulos as Co-Vice President of Community Affairs. The motion was seconded. Melissa and Maria each accepted

the nomination for Co-Vice President of Community Affairs. Paula asked whether there are any other nominations for that position; no other nominations were made.

A motion was proposed to nominate each of Tom Murphy and Atsuko Watanabe as Co-Kindergarten Representatives. The motion was seconded. Tom accepted the nomination for Co-Kindergarten Representative and accepted such nomination on behalf of Atsuko. Paula asked whether there are any other nominations for that position; no other nominations were made.

A motion was proposed to nominate Catherine Leopando as First Grade Representative. The motion was seconded. Catherina accepted the nomination for First Grade Representative. Paula asked whether there are any other nominations for that position; no other nominations were made.

A motion was proposed to nominate Yan Zheng as Sixth Grade Representative. The motion was seconded. Yan accepted the nomination for Sixth Grade Representative. Paula asked whether there are any other nominations for that position; no other nominations were made.

The Membership held a secret ballot for the election of the officers. Paula, parent Pooja Joshi O’Hanlon, and parent Vikas Shah collected and counted the ballots. After the ballots were counted, Paula announced that the 2014-2015 officers for the Board are the following:

<u>Office</u>	<u>Officer(s)</u>
President	David William Wang
Executive Vice President	Serena Chew Reisner
Recording Secretary	Abrielle Rosenthal
Co-Treasurer	Maria Duda, Jasmine Rosner
Vice-President, Membership	Eleanora Rabinovich
Co-Vice President, Fundraising	Sarah Willet Chang, Sonal Ross
Co-Vice President, Communications	Ellen Berger, Jamie Trish
Co-Vice President, Community Affairs	Melissa Cruz, Maria Hantzopolous
Kindergarten Co-Representatives	Tom Murphy, Atsuko Watanabe
First Grade Representative	Catherine Leopando
Sixth Grade Representative	Yan Zheng

Paula congratulated the new officers of the 2014-2015 Executive Board. David noted that the Executive Board will initially focus on developing a budget and defining priorities.

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## 5. Quorum

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Pursuant to Article VI, Section 3.1 of the Association’s Bylaws, a quorum of General Membership meeting consisting of representation by at least eleven (11) Members, including a minimum of two (2) Board Members, and six (6) Parents Members was present, allowing for official business to be transacted. Abrielle confirmed that a quorum is present.

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## **6. Formation of Ad Hoc Enrichment Committee**

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A motion was proposed to form an Enrichment Committee as an ad hoc committee in the first year. The motion was seconded. David asked for a show of hands, and it was counted that the membership was unanimously in favor of the motion. David announced that the motion had passed.

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## **Announcements**

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There were no further announcements.

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## **Adjournment / Next Meeting**

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David noted that the next Association General Membership meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, October 28, 2014 at 6:30pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

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Abrielle Rosenthal, Recording Secretary