

RPI TV Meeting Minutes

2006 December 5

Officers Present:

Andy Clark, Eric Pratt, Charlie Emala, Mike Filippone, Marc Ebuña, James Canha, Nick Wood

Members Present:

Scott Altman, Mike DiTore, Ken Hyer, Brian Michalski, Dan Falkenstrom, Joe Goullaud, Sean Andrese, Brian Zaik, Tony Furtado, Dan Ostrov, Amy Ciccaglione, Robert Otlowski

Guests Present:

Dan Horvath

Meeting Began at 21:37.

Meeting called to order.

Charlie Emala, how did the camera training session go? It went well. How many people were there? Two. How long did it take? About an hour. Charlie Emala hates tripod 01.

CIPCE LEGO Robotics Tournament is this Saturday, December 9. Andy Clark named the crew that volunteered at the last meeting. This is 10:00am Saturday morning. Andy Clark thinks he may not be there. We'll need two cameramen and two grips. You get free lunch, free t-shirts. Andy Clark needs t-shirt sizes from everyone attending.

Dan Horvath left.

Charlie Emala asked where Chris Gearns is. Andy Clark said he didn't know.

We're going to show up at 10:00am. The cameras will have been set up the day before, all we have to do is roll them out of the closet. Closing ceremony starts at 3:00pm. We show up, do some b-roll, do the opening ceremony and right through until 3:00pm. We have Eric Pratt, Joe Goullaud, Charlie Emala, Mike DiTore, and Dan Falkenstrom. Brian Zaik said he might be there for a period of time.

Charlie asked if someone could pass the Coke down. James asked Cherry or normal. Charlie said Cherry.

Next, Big Red Freakout. Andy Clark asked someone named Jerry if he will buy us pizza, but he's actually going to get us a catered meal. They're going to do the full deal. They don't know whether they're going to cater from Sodexho or off campus. The catered events for Sodexho are actually good. Charlie Emala started talking about dead babies. Charlie Emala and Andy Clark have a meeting tomorrow with Norris

Pearson to talk about the camera layout. Andy Clark has talked to Alan Trojan, he's not available, so Mike Filippone is going to have to be on a closeup camera.

We're probably going to leave the studio somewhere between 2:00pm and 4:00pm. What Andy Clark would like to do is hold a post-production party in the DCC 170 studio after the game is over, get some pizza and watch some of the game. Robert Otlowski asked why we don't have it at someone's house. Andy Clark said because it's an RPI TV event. Currently the plan is to have an official RPI TV post-production meeting. It would have been a long day, but Andy Clark thinks we should have a party. Free pizza.

Andy Clark named the people who said they were available to help out with the Big Red Freakout at the last meeting. Lots of people who didn't volunteer before because they weren't at the previous meeting volunteered.

Mike DiTore said Andy Clark was talking about shooting interviews before. That's the reason we want to get there at 2:00pm. We use Jim Spavins from WRPI, he gets interviews set up with the coach and players. But one of the interviews might be done earlier that week or early that morning. It's easy to do the interview, but the timing may not be as convenient. Andy Clark plans on having a crew of around 15, though there will be enough food for 20. We'll be driving the van up, and we'll need a lot of crew drivers.

What's next? Shirts. We're going to take a short break. We'll be back after these commercials.

The meeting went to commercial break at 21:50.

The meeting returned at 21:54.

Everything Andy Clark just said still applies for the constitution. We've all read the Constitution, Andy Clark hopes. Very few changes have been made since the last time Andy Clark sent it out. We're bringing the constitution more in line with what we actually do. We moved the elections to December and changed our purpose.

Any questions about the constitution? Robert Otlowski asked if we still have secret meetings. Andy Clark said Executive Meetings are normally closed.

A motion to vote on the new constitution was moved by James Canha and seconded by Charlie Emala.

Is there any question on how the motion reads? Charlie asked that the grammar of every section of the constitution be brought under discussion.

Andy Clark called the vote on the constitution. Motion passes 13-3-0, now we have a new constitution.

Now we're going to give that constitution to the E-board. As of now we no longer have quorum says Eric Pratt. Andy Clark said we're going to have the Elections Meeting.

Nick Wood entered.

We have now started the Elections Meeting. The first position up is President. Dan Ostrov nominated Charlie Emala, Sean Andrese seconded. Charlie Emala accepts the nomination. Charlie Emala would like to nominate Andy Clark's mom. Nick Wood seconded. However, Andy Clark's mom is not eligible for the office of the president.

Robert Otlowski asked Charlie Emala if he supports secret meetings or not. Charlie Emala said it depends on who we're keeping out.

Brian Zaik asked Charlie Emala if he was going to be fulfilling the position of 'club bitch'.

Andy Clark called the vote on Charlie Emala for president. The vote passed 16-0-2.

By the way, these are effective January 1.

Charlie Emala nominated Eric Klauser, Sean Andrese seconded. Since Eric Klauser is absent, he accepts by default.

Andy Clark called the vote on Eric Klauser for Vice President of Operations. The vote passed 12-1-5.

Vice President of Programming. James Canha nominated Marc Ebuña, Brian Zaik seconded. Marc Ebuña accepted the nomination. Sean Andrese nominated Joe Goullaud, Dan Ostrov seconded. Joe Goullaud accepted the nomination.

We will now have a period of question and answer. The questions must be directed at both the candidates. You may not direct a question at only one candidate. The answer period will be 60 seconds, then the other person will answer, then each person will have a 30-second rebuttal. Dan Ostrov suggested that each person alternate answering the question first.

First, opening statements. Marc Ebuña would like to be Vice President of Programming because we have lots of shows that we have started to work on (Charlie Emala coughed "DORAJ") but haven't really finished and because we want these shows to broadcast, he'd like to see those through. Marc Ebuña considers himself reliable at getting things done. He was busy this year, but he hopes to do more next year.

Joe Goullaud said his opening statement. Reasons he would make a good Vice President of Programming. This semester, he's worked closely with Dan Ostrov on a lot of stuff, including editing training, and he's been at a number of different events

this semester including football games and the taping of the Battle of the Bands and last semester's College Republicans and College Democrats Debate. One of the things he'd like to do is refine the process for creating and producing new shows. What happened this semester was that it started off really well and then died. He wants to bring more editable content to broadcast.

We will now entertain questions from the floor. Questions must be directed to both candidates. Robert Otlowski asked if they support secret meetings. Marc Ebuña does. Joe Goullaud concurs. Marc Ebuña has no rebuttal. Joe Goullaud, for his rebuttal, really concurs.

Dan Ostrov asked: What do you think qualifies you for this position?

Joe Goullaud said that in addition to having done a number of our events, he has studied a lot of television and film on his own, and he believes he has a good eye for different types of programming, from sports to music to cultural events to prescribed shows. He thinks he'll be able to use this knowledge extensively as Vice President of Programming.

Marc Ebuña thinks Joe Goullaud is much more qualified than he is. Joe has no rebuttal. Marc Ebuña is opposed to Joe Goullaud's rebuttal.

Charlie Emala asked what happened to Doraj. Marc Ebuña just knows that it hasn't happened. It was Joe Goullaud's understanding that taping was pretty much done but it was postproduction that didn't get finished. As Vice President of Programming, he definitely would have kicked Dan Ostrov in the ass. Marc Ebuña rebutted by saying he was told that there were a few more scenes to be filmed, but he could be wrong. Joe Goullaud had no re-rebuttal.

Nick Wood asked if both of the candidates could speak to their commitments and if they'll have time to fulfill their duties as Vice President of Programming. This past Sunday, Joe was elected Program Director of WRPI, but that will not deter him from committing himself to this club. He has a pretty lax semester next semester and the semester after that, and he's planned to not have intensive classes, so he'll have time to support both clubs. Marc Ebuña has been reelected as the RPA's public relations officer, which doesn't require that much commitment except when they do events, at which time he coordinates postering. Aside from that, this is the only other club that he really devotes his time to. As for courses, he has yet to determine how much time his courseload is to take up.

Joe Goullaud's rebuttal: Marc Ebuña, in response to not evaluating your courseload for next semester. He's noticed that Marc Ebuña has been working through most of the meetings. He would hope that wouldn't happen next semester.

Marc Ebuña said he's going to work on that.

Amy Ciccaglione asked how well they handle stress.

Marc Ebuña: Seeing as how it's practically made a nervous wreck out of him, 21 credits doesn't bode well with him. Other than that, he's working on it, he's going to the Health Center regularly to deal with stress.

Joe Goullaud: I handle stress very well. All through high school and college career, he's had many stressful times and many people don't notice it. Anyone who doesn't think he's been stressed out this semester, he has been.

Andy Clark asked if Marc Ebuña has a rebuttal. Marc Ebuña said, "I can't".

Andy Clark asked Joe Goullaud if he had a rebuttal. Joe Goullaud said, "I won't".

Brian Zaik asked what their favorite television programs were and why.

Joe Goullaud: Big fan of House, great 'dramedy', great comedic aspect to it, very well written and well shot. Prison Break because it's a great action show and has an interesting twisting plot.

Marc Ebuña: When Peter Jennings used to do his program, that was his favorite. Peter Jennings offered a really interesting personality, really liked watching World News Tonight with Peter Jennings, something special about that show. Don't laugh at this, another favorite show is Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood. He's been watching it lately and it's been keeping him calm. Mr. Rogers reminds him of what's important in life. And also Battlestar Galactica because it makes sci-fi more of a drama than what Star Trek was.

Joe Goullaud's rebuttal: He's with Marc Ebuña on Battlestar Galactica.

Marc Ebuña: Agrees with Joe Goullaud's rebuttal.

Mike Filippone: I'd like a summary of your life, very detailed.

This was ignored.

Dan Ostrov: What initiatives do you have planned to add more creative content to our broadcast?

Marc Ebuña: I think we can deal with what we have right now. What we need to do is get things off the ground before we make new shows. We need to be pushing things through.

Joe Goullaud: I think it's definitely important that we get our shows off the ground and have original content. In the interim, I'd like to look at content that's available out there, a lot of well-produced stuff out there that would be interesting to our students, with high production quality and good content.

Marc Ebuña: Hadn't thought of Creative Commons. Next semester, if I become Vice President of Programming, which it seems like I'm not, I'd work closely with Joe Goullaud, he's bringing interesting ideas.

Joe Goullaud: I would also work closely with Marc Ebuña if elected.

Mike DiTore: Motion to close questioning.

Questioning is now closed. Candidates must receive a plurality, not a majority. This means the most votes. If there were five people running, we wouldn't have to hold a runoff. We will now vote via secret ballot, if you don't have a pen, then share pens with your neighbor. When you have completed your voting, fold the ballot in half

once. Charlie Emala will collect the votes, Nick Wood and Andy Clark will tally them, since Nick Wood is the closest thing to RNE chair. Robert Otlowski would like to note that Nick Wood will never be on RNE.

There was discussion as Andy Clark and Nick Wood tallied the votes. Joe Goullaud is our new Vice President of Programming.

Robert Otlowski asked for numbers. Andy Clark said we're not going to reveal the numbers this time.

Nominations opened for Secretary. Charlie Emala nominated Eric Pratt, Dan Ostrov seconded. Eric Pratt did not accept the nomination. Dan Falkenstrom was nominated by someone, Marc Ebuña seconded. Dan Falkenstrom did not accept the nomination.

Scott Altman nominated Mike DiTore, Joe Goullaud seconded. Mike DiTore accepted the nomination.

Mike DiTore: As secretary, I feel my position is to disseminate information to the rest of the club, and my term will reflect that.

The vote was taken, and Mike DiTore is the Secretary, 17-0-1.

Business Manager. Charlie Emala nominated Brian Zaik, Sean Andrese seconded. Brian Zaik accepted the nomination.

Robert Otlowski has a question: Do you support secret meetings?

Brian Zaik: I've been thinking about this for a while, and I'd have to say...YES.

Robert Otlowski: I know you have other commitments. How do you feel about being Business Manager with your other activities.

Brian Zaik: I feel I manage my time well. I feel that my other activities are flexible, and I can balance them appropriately. One of the reasons I accepted the nomination, while I can't guarantee that I can be at every meeting, I will be devoted.

Charlie Emala asked how the senate website was going. Brian Zaik deferred that question to Nick Wood, since Nick Wood seems to be the authority on such matters. Nick Wood said it was going pretty well.

James Canha moved to close questioning. Questioning has now been closed.

A vote was taken on Brian Zaik for Business Manager, the vote passed 15-2-1.

Equipment Manager. Brian Zaik nominated Nick Wood as 'club bitch'.

Charlie Emala nominated Dan Falkenstrom, Dan Ostrov seconded. Dan Falkenstrom accepted the nomination. Marc Ebuña nominated James Canha, James Canha seconded. James Canha accepted the nomination. Ballot time.

Andy Clark limited the questions to five. Each person may only ask one question. Questioning shall alternate.

Robert Otlowski: Given your position in RPI TV, do you support secret meetings?

Dan Falkenstrom: Yes.

James Canha: Can you be more specific?

Robert Otlowski: Meetings that are not open to the entire RPI TV membership.

James Canha: No.

Brian Zaik: Point of information. Big O [Robert Otlowski] supports secret meetings because he had one over the weekend.

No rebuttal from Dan Falkenstrom. James Canha still supports his previous statement.

Dan Ostrov: Vice President of Operations requires a lot of technical know-how. WRONG POSITION, DAN. He was reminded of this by many people and appropriately berated.

Dan Ostrov: What are your qualifications for Equipment Manager?

James Canha: I've never timed my breaking down of a camera, but I can do it pretty quickly. I was Equipment Manager this semester, but I couldn't go to meetings because of class. In high school I was equipment manager.

Dan Falkenstrom: He can break down a camera really fast, probably with his eyes closed. In high school, he was pretty much in charge of the entire video editing club, so he's good with the equipment.

James Canha: Breaking down a camera with your eyes closed is a really bad idea, because you might break the equipment.

Dan Falkenstrom: No rebuttal.

Tony Furtado: If you were not elected, would you be interested in any other position?

Dan Falkenstrom: Probably.

James Canha: Pretty set on Equipment Manager, not interested in much else.

Dan Falkenstrom: No rebuttal.

James Canha: No rebuttal.

Marc Ebuña: Where are you going to be living next year and how available will you be to access the equipment as Equipment Manager.

James Canha: Not yet nailed down housing next year. Next semester in RAHPS, next year a block from campus.

Dan Falkenstrom: Next semester he'll be living in Crockett, which is pretty close. Next year he'll probably be living on campus and is usually free to run and get equipment.

James Canha: No rebuttal.

Dan Falkenstrom: No rebuttal.

No more questions. Vote, same rules as last time.

There was discussion while Andy Clark and Nick Wood tallied the votes.

The new Equipment Manager is Dan Falkenstrom. No vote tally was reported.

The next position is News Manager. Nominations? Charlie Emala nominated Andy Clark's mom. Amy Ciccaglione nominated Charlie Emala's mom. Brian Michalski nominated himself, Brian Zaik seconded. Brian Michalski accepts the nomination.

Robert Otlowski: Do you support secret meetings?

Brian Michalski: He doesn't have a standpoint on the issue.

The vote for Brian Michalski for News Manager passed 14-1-3.

Special Events Manager. Are there no nominations? Hearing none, we will move on.

Sports Manager. Sean Andrese nominated himself, Joe Goullaud seconded. Sean Andrese accepted the nomination. No questions allowed.

The vote for Sean Andrese for Sports Manager passed 13-2-3.

Tony Furtado moves we go back to Special Events Manager. Andy Clark says in a moment.

Lead Editor. Marc Ebuña nominated himself, Sean Andrese seconded. Marc Ebuña accepted the nomination. No questions allowed.

The vote for Marc Ebuña for Lead Editor passed 17-1-0.

Special Events Manager. Charlie Emala nominated Tony Furtado, James Canha seconded. Tony Furtado accepted the nomination. No questions allowed from the peanut gallery.

The vote for Tony Furtado for Special Events Manager passed 18-0-0.

The elections meeting has now come to a close. We will not be holding any more elections, executive, secret, or otherwise meetings until next year. In the beginning of next semester, keys will change hands, Charlie Emala will organize executive meetings next semester. Charlie Emala has to figure out when we're having executive meetings and business meetings. Andy Clark recommends weekly meetings.

Room registration started a while ago. All of the officers have to be available for the executive meetings, not necessarily for the business meetings. Andy Clark needs to

see Joe Goullaud and Sean Andrese. Charlie Emala would like to see everyone who got elected after the meeting.

This is the last meeting under the Clark administration. Thank you all for coming, and good night. There was applause, and Andy Clark bowed and said thank you.

The meeting was adjourned at 22:45.
