

**FINAL Bellingham City Club Annual Meeting Minutes
May 22, 2019**

The meeting was called to order by President David Roberts at 12:05pm.

After members of the City Club identified themselves with a show of hands, President Roberts declared a quorum to be present.

Minutes of the May 2018 annual meeting minutes were approved after a motion by Patricia Decker.

In his report, President Roberts stated that attendance at our monthly meetings has increased over the past year, indicating the high quality of the programs in general. Membership in the Club is at an all-time high of 544.

Treasurer Nancy Jordan reported that the financial position of the Club is strong. Expenses in 2018 were greater than in 2017, due primarily to an increase in some of our speaker fees and travel-related costs. Also, we have completed a significant upgrade of our website and membership data base software, and purchased an additional lavalier microphone (for larger panels), all of which involved one-time expenses.

President Roberts introduced several proposed changes to our Mission Statement and By-Laws which have been previously reviewed and approved by the Board. A motion to approve the changes was made by Roni Lenore. The motion passed by a voice vote. The changes are attached to these minutes.

The slate of new Board members was presented:

- Coming onto the Board
 - Jayne Freudenberger
 - Monea Kerr
 - Forrest Longman
 - Zach Nordwell
- Renewing for another term on the Board:
 - Tanya Baumgart
 - Ray Dellecker
 - Simi Jain
 - Maureen McCarthy
 - Kay Sardo

A motion was made by Christine Perkins to approve this slate, and the motion passed by voice vote.

President Roberts expressed appreciation for departing board members Dan Raas, Nancy Jordan, and Dean Fearing and for the work of the many volunteers who support our Club.

The meeting was adjourned by President Roberts at 12:18pm.

Submitted by Ray Dellecker

Bellingham City Club
Proposed Bylaws Amendments
May 22, 2019

1.1 Mission Statement

~~The Bellingham City Club (hereafter referred to as the "Club") is citizens from diverse backgrounds cooperating to promote informed discussion of issues important to the community.~~

The Bellingham City Club's (hereafter referred to as the "Club") mission is to inform, connect, and engage our community to strengthen the civic health of our region.

3.3.3 Failure to Pay

A member's failure to pay dues or assessment within 90 days after the ~~billing~~ **expiration** date and notice thereof shall result in automatic loss of member status and all associated membership privileges, including lower admission costs and the right to vote at annual meetings. This loss of member status through failure to pay shall allow for a subsequent reapplication without prejudice.

3.9 Quorum of Members

A minimum of ~~15%~~ **10%** of the members shall constitute a quorum at a meeting of members....

3.13.2 Loss of Member Status

Any person who fails to pay any dues or special assessment within 90 days after the ~~billing~~ **expiration** date and notice thereof shall automatically lose his or her member status. Any individual whose conduct is found by the Board of Directors to be inconsistent with the purposes of the Club or otherwise to materially hinder pursuit of the purposes of the Club, may lose his or her member status by the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the Board of Directors at a meeting at which there is a quorum, after notice and hearing as follows: [next section]