



**IBDC Meet and Greet Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, May 2, 2024 @ 6:00 pm at Millport and Via Zoom**

**Voting Members in attendance:**

Anna Webb (via zoom)  
Antonio Martinez  
Ben Swearingin  
Bryan Brillhart (via zoom)  
Elsie Sleeter  
Ernie Galindo  
Felicia House  
Harry Hallez (via zoom)  
Jen Crumley (via zoom)  
John Crumley (via zoom)  
Josie Hamada (via zoom)  
Liba de la Mora (via zoom)  
Malia Holleron (via zoom)  
Matthew Leyba-Gonzlaez  
Marcus Guerra  
Michelle Krug  
Paloma Aguirre  
Pat Flowers  
Peter Honan  
Rick Bates (via zoom)  
Sandy Brillhart (via zoom)  
Tom Csanadi  
Win Heiskala

**Non-Voting Members and Guests:**

Cynara Velasquez  
Guillermo Castillo  
Ryan Trabuco  
Verna House

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:08 PM by Paloma.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted by Paloma.
3. Motion to approve the agenda was made by Felicia, and seconded by Matthew. The vote was unanimously approved.

4. Motion to approve the March 2024 minutes was made by Ernie, and seconded by Felicia. The vote was unanimously approved.
5. Public Comment:
  - A. There was no public comment.
6. Officer briefings/updates/reports:
  - A. Secretary Antonio stated that his goal is to have draft Minutes distributed after every meeting.
  - B. Communication Director Sandy commented that the Media Coordinator position was open. Marcus expressed interest in the position.
  - C. Associate Member Ben gave a report of the South Area Caucus meeting and Central Committee. As the Membership Director, he also gave an update on the number of members in IBDC, which is 68.
7. City of IB Update:
  - A. Mayor Aguirre stated
  - B. She also gave an update of the Sheriff's report, regarding an increase in domestic violence.
8. Election of Vice President:
  - A. Sandy stated that Felicia House was the only one that submitted a request to be considered for nomination.
  - B. Both Sandy and Ernie declined the nomination.
  - C. Motion to elect Felicia as the IBDC Vice President was made by Antonio, and seconded by Matthew. The vote was unanimously approved.
  - D. Felicia House is IBDC's new Vice President.
9. IBDC Website / Online Presence Discussion:
  - A. Paloma made the recommendation to revamp/restart the website.
  - B. Marcus suggested that IBDC use the website to help improve membership. He also expressed interest in helping restart the website.
  - C. Anna gave a comprehensive report of the history of IBDC's website, and the process of transferring the files if the Club decides to create a new website. D. Marcus recommended that the Club not use GoDaddy.
  - E. Paloma asked Marcus to give a presentation to the Club.
  - F. Given that IBDC might create a new website, Josie recommended that the Club receive a presentation on the budget before approving the aforementioned. G. Ben recommended creating a subcommittee to help with the creation on the new website. He stated he would be interested in being on the committee. Sandy, Marcus, and Michelle also shared interest in serving.
10. IBDC Bylaws Ad Hoc Report:
  - A. Sandy gave a report on the AD Hoc's committee meeting where she recommended updating the IBDC's Bylaws to create clarity and avoid inconsistencies.
    - a. She stated that she would like to give a presentation on her recommended

changes at the next EBoard meeting. Her goal is to also give a presentation at IBDC's next General Meeting for vote consideration.

11. Old Business: Creation of New Subcommittee Discussion:

- A. Paloma listed the possibility of creating new subcommittees.
- B. Antonio recommended creating two subcommittees at most: 1) Government Relations Subcommittee, and 2) Community Relations (Go Team) Subcommittee. C. Ben expressed interest in being on both subcommittee.
- D. Sandy and Pat expressed interest in being on the Government Relations Subcommittee.
- E. Antonio recommended formalizing the two subcommittees at the next EBoard Meeting, so that their creation would be voted on at the next General Meeting in June.

12. IBDC Associate Member Voting Discussion:

- A. Ben asked for clarity on his voting role, and he expressed interest in voting for Antonio, as a friendly incumbent, for his San Ysidro School re-election campaign at the June South Area Caucus meeting.
- B. Cynara stated that Ben can vote for Antonio at the June South Area Caucus meeting, because he is the only Democrat running. She also clarified that IBDC can vote for Antonio after the June South Area Caucus meeting.

13. Announcements:

- A. Jen and Michelle announced that they won to serve as delegates at the National Convention.
- B. Michelle invited the IBDC members to attend the upcoming Roosevelt Dinner on May 31st.
- C. Paloma restated that she would have Anne Pilgrim give a presentation on the Club's budget at the next General Meeting.
- D. Pat stated that she will be out of town from May 5th to June 12th.
- E. Cynara announced Democratic Club Summit will be held on Saturday, August 3rd.
- F. Sandy and Paloma gave an update on the cost of hosting the Club meeting at Millport. This is regarding food costs.
- G. Michelle invited everyone to an action at the IB Post Office on May 9th. This is regarding opposing any recommended changes on services or the elimination of the local post office.
- H. Michelle invited everyone to an event on May 11th, where volunteers will collect non-perishable foods for the San Diego Food Bank.
- I. Antonio welcomed Guillermo Castillo as a new member of IBDC.

14. Newly-Elected Vice President Felicia House swore in Mayor Paloma Aguirre as IBDC's President.

15. Meeting adjourned at 7:51PM.