Ordre du jour/Agenda

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- 1. Appel à l'ordre / Call to order
- 2. Présences / Roll call

Roll Call

Michael Vincent

Bill Arceneaux

Michelle Haj-Broussard

Jill Hackney

Ulysse Joubert

Dana Kress

Amanda LaFleur

David Marcante

Burnell Lemoine

Philippe Gustin

John Hernandez

Aaron Flégeance

Jacqueline Labat

Stephen Ortego

Warren Perrin

Susan Spillman

Tony Zaunbrecher

17 present and a quorum

3. Adoption de l'ordre du jour / Approval of agenda

Agenda is approved

4. Adoption du procès-verbal de la réunion du 12 décembre 2015 du Conseil du Codofil /

Approval of the minutes of the Dec. 12, 2015 CODOFIL Council meeting

Discussion about French language preference for the minutes, as stated in Bylaws. Bill Arceneaux approves.

Bill motions to adopt the minutes, minutes approved.

5. Rapport du Comité des candidatures / Report of the Nominating Committee

Proposed officers and Executive Board members

Bill Arceneaux - President

Amanda LaFleur - Vice President

Jill Hackney - Secretary

Executive Board
Michelle Haj-Broussard
Burnell Lemoine
Stephen Ortego
Susan Spillman
Michael Vincent
Mavis Fruge

Board slate proposed by Bill Arceneaux and seconded by Aaron Flegeance

Discussion: David Marcantel discusses legal questions regarding bylaws and terms. Bill Arceneaux has served as president for 6 years, but has only officially been voted on 2 times as president. David proposes for this election we "suspend" the bylaws and allow Bill to be President for an additional two years. There is an issue that the position is supposed to follow the terms of the governor. CODOFIL board decides to leave it to the next election to solve the problem of the overlap of governor terms.

Amanda LaFleur asks why there had been no (timely) election. David responded that the thought was that a new board would soon be named, etc..

Michelle Haj-Broussard proposes to delay the vote by one month to help resolve the issues. Discussion of delay proposal. Board members discuss the difficulties of re-conviening in a month. Also that 6 months (waiting for the next regular meeting) is too long to wait to vote.

Jill suggested that Bill should remain president until CODOFIL could get it's elections back on track with the Governor elections.

Philippe Gustin motions to suspend the term limits in the bylaws for the purpose of this election, but amending the bylaws to whatever is required by the law to be concurrent with the elections of the Governor for the purposes of getting CODOFIL elections back on track.

Michelle Has-Broussard asks to amend the motion

Dana proposes an amendment to the motion, to suspend the bylaws, to have the election today, but to amend the bylaws so that within two years we get back on track with aligning our elections with the governor's terms.

David accepts the amendment to the motion

Bill states that we have a motion on the floor to suspend the bylaws for the purpose of this election only with the friendly amendment put in by Dr. Kress.

Bill asks, "All those in favor say, aye." From the room several people say "Aye"

Bill asks, "Opposed"

No one opposes

Bill says, "motion carries"

Members who voted, "Aye"

Bill Arceneaux

Jacqueline Labat

Ulysse Joubert

Susan Spillman

David Marcantel

Dana Kress

Philippe Gustin

John Hernandez

Amanda LaFleur

Warren Perrin

Tony Zaunbrecher

Michael Vincent

Stephen Ortego

Members who voted, "Opposed" - none

Members who, "abstained"

Jill Hackney

Michelle Haj-Broussard

No response:

Burnell Lemoine

Aaron Flégeance

6. Election des officiers / Election of Officers

Board slate proposed by Bill Arceneaux and seconded by Aaron Flegeance

Electing the Slate: President, Vice-president, secretary, and executive board members Motion from Ms. Labat to elect the slate for the period of 2 years.

Discussion: Michelle asks about the voting privileges of the vice-president. It is explained that the vice-president can not vote unless that position is held by a member who is already on the executive committee..

Bill asks, "All those in favor of adopting the slate please say, Aye."

From the room several people say, "Aye."

Bill asks, "Opposed?"

No one opposes

Bill states, "So carried."

Members who voted, "Aye"

Bill Arceneaux

Jacqueline Labat

Ulysse Joubert

Susan Spillman

David Marcantel

Dana Kress

Philippe Gustin

John Hernandez

Amanda LaFleur

Warren Perri

Tony Zaunbrecher

Michael Vincent

Stephen Ortego

Members who voted, "Opposed" - none

Members who, "abstained"

Jill Hackney

Michelle Haj-Broussard

No response:

Burnell Lemoine

Aaron Flégeance

It is then discussed that Bill did not ask if there were any nominations from the floor. It is also noted that Mavis Fruge is the only person who did not accept to serve on the executive committee.

There are no nominations from the floor.

Bill states, "Meeting to move on."

7. **Organisation international de la francophonie (OIF)** / *International Organization of Francophonie (OIF)* Charles Larroque leads discussion.

Discussion about membership benefits, but also the difficulties for Louisiana as a state and not as a country. It is noted that this is more of a social organization, but a great way to meet people.

8. Comité du 50e anniversaire du CODOFIL / CODOFIL 50th Anniversary Committee

Amanda LaFleur gives report of ideas/plans for the 50th anniversary (report attached) Bill Arceneaux appoints Jill Hackney to the committee.

Amanda proposes a reunion of past CODOFIL scholarship recipients

9. Rapport du Comité sur l'Enseignement du français et l'Immersion (aussi appelé le Comité d'éducation) / Report of the French Language Teaching & Immersion Committee (aka the Education Committee)

Michelle Haj-Broussard gives report. Report attached.

Discussion about the Escadrille scholarships and how to improve. Michelle suggests adding additional time at Université Sainte-Anne during the summer immersion program to help solidify their French. Michelle also proposes a questionnaire for the students in the Escadrille program. She also proposed a leadership program. Michelle also proposes the students have the opportunity to take a DELF B2 preparation class at LSU.

10. Rapport du directeur exécutif / Executive director's report Charles Larroque gives report. Report attached.

11. Autres affaires / Other business

Discussion about Escadrille and giving Escadrille graduates first preference at French Immersion teaching positions around Lousisiana.

12. Clôture de la réunion / Adjournment

Bill moves to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned.