

Membership Committee

Minutes from the October 12, 2023 Meeting

In attendance: Arte Mays (Committee Chairperson) and Debbie Bain (staff)

Minutes from the August meeting was reviewed and approved. Note that the September meeting was cancelled.

Discussion:

- A member of the Council has been absent from active engagement in full SILC meetings and participation in Committee meetings since March. Despite efforts made by the Membership Chair, the SILC Chairperson, the ED and others, the member has not returned to service. Upon learning that the individual resigned from her job, the SILC has no personal contact information to reach out to request verification of the members' continued interest in serving on the Council.

At the chair's request, Debbie has reached out to Grace Kelley from the Governor's Office, Commissions and Task Force Appointments, to request guidance on how to respond to this situation and seek a mailing address and personal phone number. Two emails were sent to Ms. Kelley with no response. A phone call placed earlier this morning went unanswered. Debbie will continue to pursue this matter.

In reviewing the Bylaws, it was noted that specific steps to respond to this issue were lacking. Arte will inform the Executive Committee of this deficiency so that appropriate adjustments can be recommended.

- Noted terms that would expire in 2024.
- Discussed gaps in representation on the Council – disability, geographic location, race.
- Next Meeting Date: November 9th @ 1:00pm