

COMMUNITY MEDIA CENTER OF MARIN

*Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday April 28, 2016 4:00 pm
CMCM 819 A Street, San Rafael*

DRAFT Agenda

- A. Call Meeting to Order - Bruce**
- B. Agenda Approval and Past Minutes - 5 Minutes**
- C. Executive Director Updates - 30 minutes**
 - Center/Staff updates and upcoming events
- D. Other Business - 30 Minutes**
 - 2016-17 Budget and Plan for MTA - Final
 - CMCM By-Law amendment proposal (see next page)
 - MTA Report
- E. Public Comment - 10 Minutes**
- F. Closed Session if Necessary - 30 min**
- G. New Actionable Business**

2016 CMCM Board Meeting Dates:

March 24, April 28, May 26, June 23, July 28, Aug 25, Sept 22, Oct 27, Nov/Dec TBD.

Next MTA Meeting: Tentative April 6, Corte Madera Town Hall.

- H. Adjournment**

This agenda is draft and subject to change.

One of the agenda items for our board meeting tomorrow is a proposed minor revision to our bylaws, Section 7.06(b). A copy of the current bylaw and the proposed revision is attached.

The current bylaw provides that a board member is automatically deemed to have voluntarily resigned if he or she misses three consecutive meetings. I believe this has occurred on at least three occasions in the past without the board or the member being aware that he or she has resigned (according to our bylaws); such "automatic," unintended resignations could have an effect on the presence of a quorum and could raise questions as to the legality of board actions. And, of course, many of our lives are busy and complicated, and there may be situations where missing three consecutive meetings is pretty much unavoidable.

The proposed revision is modeled on a section of the bylaws of the Democratic Central Committee of Marin. It provides that three consecutive *unexcused* absences *may* result in removal by a majority vote of the board.

The way this works in the DCCM is that members who are going to miss a meeting send an email to the chair and secretary (I think Michael and Jim in our case) requesting an excused absence. Absences are routinely excused - I can't remember one that wasn't -after all, our purpose is not to kick people off the board. The secretary keeps a record of which absences are excused in the minutes.

I'm hopeful that this revision may have a slight beneficial effect on attendance at board meetings and it should help Michael determine how many are going to be at the meetings.