

San Francisco for Democracy General Membership Meeting
Northern District Police Station
June 1, 2009

Members Present: Tim Durning, Tom Brown, Jeff Whittington, Stephanie Feiring, Tim Hsu, Peter Wong, Susan Pfeifer, Maxine Anderson, Brent Turner, Richard Hansen, Shirley Hansen, John Trinkl, John O’Riorden

President Tim Durning called the meeting to order at 7:15.

1. **Obama Health Care:** Susan Pfeifer led a spirited discussion about the Obama health care plan, and how it compares to single payer.

2. **Marijuana Legislation:** Quintin Mecke, Assemblyman Tom Ammiano’s Communications Director, presented the case for legalizing marijuana in California (AB390). Many questions ensued.

3. **Endorsement vote for AB 390:** The membership voted overwhelmingly to endorse the legalization, regulation and taxing of marijuana in California (AB 390).

4. **Nominations for officers:** President Tim Durning had explained that nominations for officer positions for 2009-2010 would be open throughout the meeting. There was discussion of the need to fill all the positions and that if necessary the Steering Committee could make acting appointments to fill open positions after this meeting.

Susan Pfeifer nominated Tom Brown for Vice President, seconded by Brent Turner.

Richard Hansen nominated Susan Pfeifer for Secretary, but she declined. Tom Brown Nominated John Trinkl for Secretary, seconded by Steph Feiring.

Peter Wong nominated Tim Hsu for Treasurer, seconded by Steph Feiring.

Tom Brown nominated Peter Wong for Membership Director, seconded by Steph Feiring.

Tom Brown nominated Jeff Whittington for Communications Director, seconded by Seph Feiring. Despite some discussion and encouragement with members present, no members volunteered to run for the positions of Outreach Director or Political Affairs Director.

5. **Election of Officers:** Based on secret ballots submitted at the end of the meeting, the following officers were elected for 2009-2010:

President: Tim Durning
Vice President: Tom Brown
Secretary: John Trinkl
Treasurer: Tim Hsu
Membership Director: Peter Wong
Communications Director: Jeff Whittington

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Minutes submitted by Tom Brown