



San Francisco Zoological Society ("SFZS"):
Annual Meeting of Members and Election of Board of Directors

September 21, 2021

11:30 a.m.

Via Teleconference and Zoom
Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic

Attendees:

Officers: Ed Poole, Esq.; Ed Oates, Tanya Peterson, Esq.; and Vince Grubbs (CFO).

Board: Will Andereck, Brad Canfield, Julia Heidmann, Ed Oates, Ed Poole, and Mary Sutton.

Emeritus: Gail Secchia

Staff: Tanya Peterson, Esq.; Vince Grubbs, Chris Connors, and Tim Wu, Esq.

Guests: SFZS Docents, Members, and employees of the San Francisco Zoological Society.

Election of SFZS Directors

SFZS Board Secretary Ed Oates presented the following slate of nominees for the Board of Directors:

For a three-year term ending September 2024: Maria Alvarez, Tim Bailey, Rosemary Baker, Brad Canfield, Mike Dovey, Janie Friend, Sidney Goodwill, Liz Minick, and Ed Poole.

Oates then announced that the following member has been elected to Emeritus status based on his decade of support and leadership on the Board: William Hudson, Esq.

SFZS Board Chair Ed Poole recognized Board & Emeritus Directors who had passed away in the past fiscal year, including Director and Former Chairman Jim Ludwig, Directors David Traitel and David Dixon, Emeritus Director and Former Chairman Stephen Spaulding and Emeritus Director Ann Hale.

Secretary Oates then stated that, as the Society has 23,000 members of record and the number of persons nominated to serve as directors is not more than the number of directors to be elected, pursuant to Section 4.5 of the Society's Bylaws, the nominated directors have been elected.

Nomination of SFZS Officers

Secretary Oates presented the nomination of SFZS officers. The nominees are: Edward Poole for Chair of the Board of Directors; Ed Oates for Secretary; Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Tanya Peterson; and Chief Financial Officer Vince Grubbs. **MSA**

CEO's Report

CEO Tanya Peterson welcomed and thanked all of the attendees for supporting SF Zoo & Gardens and then introduced a video created especially for SF Zoo members. After the video, she summarized the activities that SF Zoo had managed to achieve in the past year, in spite of the COVID-19 pandemic, including running a successful summer Zoo Camp program, beautification of existing gardens, exhibit improvements and updates, including the Great Ape Passage and snow leopard exhibit construction. Additionally, the Zoo's new "Horse Therapy Program," which used former rhino exhibit spaces and is managed by third-party Brady Riding, was able to offer services to those with disabilities during the latter months of the pandemic. She then provided animal updates and announced that SF Zoo had broken ground on the Lipman Family Madagascar exhibit. Lastly, she introduced a video with behind-the-scenes footage of the new snow leopard exhibit expansion. (Videos)

Chair's Report:

SFZS Board Chair Ed Poole thanked SF Zoo Members and noted that SF Zoo had been able to weather the COVID-19 pandemic in large part due to member support. He also noted that he would be working with one of SF Zoo's members on amending the by-laws and hoped that project would be complete by next year's Annual Meeting. Lastly, he answered questions from the attendees and again thanked the membership in closing.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING AT 12:00 p.m.