



NAHJ National Board Meeting – Saturday, June 6 at 11A ET

1. Welcome

Hugo called the NAHJ Board Meeting to order. Secretary Fin Gomez couldn't make the call. At-Large Board Member Steve Soliz took roll call.

Present: Hugo Balta, Yvette Cabrera, Nancy San Martin, Geraldine Cols Azócar, Robert Hernandez, Steve Soliz, Monica Castillo, Melissa Macaya, Elwin Lopez, Johnny Córdoba

Absent: Nick Valencia, Fin Gomez, Rafael Mejia, Ninette Sosa, Cristy Fajardo, Angelica Serrano-Roman, Blanca Rios

2. 2020 Virtual Conference (executive director)

Hugo gave the floor to Alberto to talk about the virtual conference.

Alberto talked about the planning stages of the conference.

He says they're trying find ways to provide sessions to benefit members beyond this virtual conference.

He took a moment to thank all involved with the planning.

Alberto says most sponsors are staying on but gave an honest assessment that some companies aren't in a financial position to continue.

Hugo asked about a program schedule.

Robert says scheduling is behind due to the virtual shift.

Alberto says this will be a minimal conference.

There will not be any lunches or awards given.

Hugo confirmed with Alberto that the conference is still a "work in progress".

Alberto says the annual NAHJ Member meeting is planned for August 8th.

3. Budget

Hugo asked to talk about the budget.

Geraldine began to explain the importance of maintaining a balanced budget, even in the wake of Covid-19.

She says a revised budget should be presented to the national board by the end of June or early July.

Alberto says the cancellation of the conference means NAHJ will have fewer expenses this year.

Alberto says numbers are looking good.

Current revenue as of 5/14/20 is \$364,944.60. Current expenses are \$269,170.58. Net income is \$95,774.02.

Alberto and Geraldine says we've taken some losses on our investments.

Alberto says we're starting to gain back some of those funds.

Hugo asked Alberto about the audit.

Alberto says the annual audit is underway.

He says he expects another clean audit.

He says it will be on the NAHJ website when it becomes available.

Geraldine says she expects a clear audit based on recent changes made to fiscal procedures, the employee handbook, etc.

4. New Business

Hugo moved to talk about the formation of new committees.

He thanked the members for wanting to get involved with elections and the bylaws.

He thanked members for their emails about elections. He said all of the feedback will be part of the discussions in executive session.

Hugo said he believes healthy debate can bring positive results.

Hugo thanked the members for joining the call and he hopes to engage with members in future meetings.

Member Rafael Olmeda asked to have the floor.

Hugo rejected the request and apologized for the briefness of the call.

Hugo again asked for a motion for executive session.

Geraldine seconded.

Hugo concluded the meeting.

5. Executive Session

— FOX News sponsorship

— NAHJ Elections

6. Adjourn