

**9/11/21 Emergency NAHJ Board Meeting
3pm Eastern**

Present: Nora Lopez, Julio Cesar Chavez, Keldy Ortiz, Yvette Cabrera, Blanca Rios, Ninette Sosa, Johnny Cordoba, Melissa Macaya, Cristy Fajardo, Jessica Retis, Mc Nelly Torres

Guests: Lesli-Anne, Yunuen Bonaparte, BA Snyder, Yaneth Guillen, Zita

Not present: Arelis Hernandez, Jennifer Marcial, Jamie Stockwell, Elwyn Lopez, Valerie Mia Juarez, Jorge Flores

I. Region 1 Director

Julio Cesar introduced a motion on behalf of the elections committee for the board to appoint David Cordero Mercado as Region 1 Director. Cordero was nominated by Jennifer Marcial and supported by Mc Nelly Torres. He is a reporter in Puerto Rico with el Nuevo Dia. Mc Nelly seconded the motion. Motion passed, Cordero was approved as new Region 1 Director.

II. Strategic Planning Committee Update

On behalf of the Strategic Planning Committee recommendation, Yvette Cabrera motioned to hire La Piana consultant group which is based out of California to guide our strategic vision. The total cost for their services would be \$30K. Dow Jones is granting \$15k specifically towards this cost. In total, NAHJ would pay \$15K towards the consulting firm. Julio seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

III. Committees

Blanca moved to approve previously discussed committee assignments. Keldy seconded. The Motion carried.

Hall of Fame

Mc Nelly and Leslie Anne reviewed requirements for applicants.
Ninette Sosa and Johnny Cordoba will co-chair the 2022 Hall of Fame advisory committee.

Strategic Planning

Yvette- stay on as Chair of strategic planning committee -
Nora, Mc Nelly, Jessica, Melissa, Cristy all current members
David Cordero, I Region 1 director is interested in participating.

Rapid Response

Mc Nelly will remain chair, all members stay on and Blanca volunteered to be added to the team.

Bylaws Committee

Arelis and Julio Cesar will co-chair and get it going again. Blanca volunteered to join.

Election Committee

Need a volunteer to chair this. Nora will be back up.

Conference Committee

Create a committee to oversee the conference and to stay on top of new changes and communicate to the board- progress and where we stand on things. Mc Nelly Torres and Keldy Ortiz will be co-chairs. Jessica will be a member of the committee.

IV. Adjournment

Julio motioned to adjourn. Yvette seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 4:32pm