



**United Court of the Sandias, Inc.**  
Albuquerque, New Mexico USA



BOD Meeting Minutes  
UNM LGBTQ Resource Center  
08-08-2018

**In Attendance:**

- Board Members Reign XXVI
  - President: Ray Sierra-Lopez
  - Vice-President: Eric Christopher Garcia
  - Treasurer: Jake Segura
  - Secretary: Tim Winn (Phone In)
  - Membership Coordinator: Robert Sierra-Lopez
  - Emperor XXVI: Estevan Zamora
  - Empress XXVI: Jose Ogaz Munoz
- Guests:
  - Ashleigh
  - Anthony Hayes
  - Reyes
  - Cookie
  - Frida
  - Lola
  - Trey
  - Elijah
  - Gail

**Opening**

The regular meeting of the United Court of the Sandias was called to order at 7:03pm on 08-08-2018 at UNM LGBTQ Resource Center by President to Reign XXVI Ray Sierra-Lopez.

**Distribution of Agenda**

The agenda was distributed to all attendees.

## **Welcome Members**

At this time the floor was opened up to the members to address any concerns.

Frida had a question about Pride doing a gender non-conforming title, but this would be at the same time as Colorado Coronation. Ray responded that would be ok but to write a letter to the reigning monarchs explaining why she would not be in attendance. Ray referred Frida back to having a discussion with the monarchs as it is ultimately up to them. Regarding the dual title there is not an issue since that limitation is for the monarchs only. Estevan encouraged Frida to hand off any duties that could be too much to handle.

Michael Karreman was asking to walk as a friend of the court and inquiring about his suspension. Ray explained that this was only during reign 25 so it would be up to the monarchs if they decided they wanted him to represent the UCS. Jose did state that they would hold him accountable for his behavior and actions and it would be up to the highest title from the UCS to monitor that and report back to the monarchs. Ray advised that Michael did travel to some locations that the UCS did not have someone present and in those instances the previous reign reached out to the host court asking to report back any mishaps directly to the monarchs. Ray also mentioned that this happened a few times even after his suspension.

A current member asked what it would take to make him “persona non grata” due to his behavior and continued harassment. Ray answered that according to the current procedures this would also be reign to reign, similar to a suspension. It was recommended that at this point it would be better to file a police report with local law enforcement and then the Board can conduct any fact finding about the situation and for Ray to reach out to the ICS for clarification on this type of situation. It was also encouraged to save any documentation of such behavior so that it can be reviewed

There were no other issues or concerns at this time.

## **Approval of Minutes**

- Approval of Board Minutes from previous meeting – Presented by Tim
  1. Motion: Estevan
  2. Second: Jake
  3. Vote: 6 in favor, 0 abstained, 0 opposed
  4. Result: Motion Carries, Minutes Approved

## **Financials and Invoices**

- Approval of Financials with the corrected totals to the promotional fund – Presented by Jake
  1. Motion: Jose
  2. Second: Rob
  3. Vote: 5 in favor, 1 abstained, 0 opposed
  4. Result: Motion Carries, Financials Approved.

## **Emergency Fund**

- Only one request came in the previous month but was denied since the request did not fall in line with the court guidelines.

## **Board**

- Membership Definition Presented by Rob
  - Membership Committee had a meeting and determined the following
    - Membership cards are being designed and planned as we speak. We did get samples from 2 different sources. The Committee will pick one of these and then present it to the Board for final review
    - Tim reviewed the signup form that will be used to capture information for new members and updated it to correlate with the current information needed for membership and the new process. Final updates will be done and ready to present to the Board
    - Incentives were also discussed for membership and are still being figured out and will be added through out the year. Ray recommended having the website on the membership card directing to website where the incentives will be listed
    - Discussed why membership is year to year and needs to be voted in by each new reign
    - Looking at doing pins for members to be purchased separate from their membership. Currently getting bids for these and setting the overall price as well as getting designs
    - Tim will post to the Board the language of the membership definition for Board review. This will be the official definition of what should be added to the PNP's and outlines how membership should be setup going forward
    - Jose went over that current membership Due will be \$20 and this will grant the Incentives and ability to walk with the Court. Current and previous Monarchs will be exempt from the restriction of having current membership in order to walk with their title
    - Eric would also like to have a section listed in there regarding probation and removal of membership. This is something that is detailed in the rewrite of the PNP's but defaults to the current written language where the Board would need to have a meeting regarding this and a 30-day notice to the member in question
- Website Discussion
  - Jose brought up moving the official website over to a new host. He is currently purchased the domain and is using it for the current Reign 26 website.
  - Tim asked that since we will be using 2 different websites that any updates that are made to one be made to the other until we have finally closed out the original website
  - Ray would like to have a conversation with the donor of the website prior to any official changes be made. The cost of this website can be done annual but will need to have this built in to the annual fees that each reign has to contribute to similar to the PO Box
  - As of now the domain is secured for 2 years on behalf of Jose and receipts will be turned in for an In-Kind donation to the UCS

- Financial Projections for Fundraiser Allocation Change
  - This task is still being worked on by Jake and Ray and was postponed due to the reconciliation of the accounts for the financials. This will be benched for now until that can be completed
  - Ray will be providing a financial projection for the softball tournament since that is the next big upcoming event that needs to be planned
- Board Meeting Date Change
  - Due to scheduling conflicts the official meeting date for the Board will be moved to the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the Month at 7pm. The Board did discuss this in the Board chat to come to this agreed on date
    - Motion: Rob
    - Second: Eric
    - Vote: 6 in favor, 0 abstained, 0 opposed
    - Result: Motion Carries, Board Meeting will be changed

### **Rewrite of PNP's - Update**

- Committee has been formed for this and will consist of the current Board, Aleah, Tsunami, Seliah, Tina, and Lahrya
- The time for this meeting is still being discussed and pinned down. Ray will create a doodle to determine what time and date is best
- Tim will make sure each person has access to the page that was used for the previous rewrite as well as access to the google drive where they are stored currently

### **Events**

- SPOY
  - Date has been changed to only Saturday September 15<sup>th</sup>
  - Monarchs are working with current titleholders on what else needs to be done
  - Scepter has been received and crowns will be used by formers if needed
  - Prize package will be provided by formers
  - Invoice will be turned in for poster
  - Set list is complete and commands are secured
  - Tim will be tally master for the night
  - Titleholder walk will be done, and they will be notified a week prior to that
- Monarch Itinerary
  - Jose going to Austin August 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>
  - Estevan going to Indiana August 31<sup>st</sup> – Sept 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - Jose going to San Francisco Ducal end of September

### **Board Chat**

There were no chat items at this time

### **Board Reports**

- Ray – The grievances that were filed have been addressed and parties have been notified of the results. Also need to have a formal grievance policy on how to handle these situations. Congratulations to everyone on raising \$3000 for the back to school drive
- Rob – Reach out to Johnny Valencia and Aleah for food for the softball tournament
- Eric –
- Tim – Working on grievance policy that can be incorporated to assist with these as they come in. We will be modeling off of Colorado Springs since theirs is the most robust that we could find. Asking that everyone please review and submit any questions/recommendations
- Jake – Asking that help is provided from line/board to collect monies at show events to collect monies, He will not be able to do this on 8/26/18. Would like to have notice of when he is working an event for cash collection instead of it being assumed
- Jose – Amanda is a graphic designer that has been working on some posters. She is offering a package deal 6 posters for \$100 but would need to be prepaid. Ray advised an invoice would be needed and we can do this and divided out by the shows they are for
- Estevan – None

### **Parking Lot**

- Financial Projections for Fundraiser Allocation Change

### **Next Meeting**

- The next Board meeting will be September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at the UNM LGBTQ Resource Center

### **Adjournment of the meeting**

1. Motion: Rob
2. Second: Jake
3. Vote: 6 in favor, 0 abstained, 0 opposed
4. Result: Motion Carries, Meeting was adjourned at 08:27pm by President Ray Sierra Lopez.