TAMWG DFO Report

Action Tracker, Robert's Rules of Order-Bylaws
Charter Renewal and Membership Nomination Request

Presentation to TAMWG
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June 9-10, 2014
Weaverville, CA

Action Tracker

- See handout and response to TAMWG letter from TMC chair and copy of the action tracker.
- Will defer to Brian Person's presentation and address any questions.

Robert's Rules of Order

Guidelines and Rules

Provides common rules and procedures for deliberation and debate in order to place the whole membership on the same footing and speaking the same language. The conduct of ALL business is controlled by the general will of the whole membership - the right of the deliberate majority to decide. Complementary is the right of at least a strong minority to require the majority to be deliberate - to act according to its considered judgment AFTER a full and fair "working through" of the issues involved. Robert's Rules provides for constructive and democratic meetings, to help, not hinder, the business of the assembly. **Under no circumstances should "undue strictness" be allowed to intimidate members or limit full participation.**

Robert's Rules of Order in TAMWG Bylaws

Section 506. Business. The business at meetings shall generally be in compliance with Robert's Rules of Order, and shall be conducted as follows:

a. Introductions
b. Review of agenda, approval of minutes, etc.
c. Public Comment
d. Scheduled agenda items
e. New agenda items
f. Adjournment

Guidelines

- Obtain the floor (the right to speak) by being the first to stand when the person speaking has finished; state Mr./Madam Chairman. Raising your hand means nothing, and standing while another has the floor is out of order! Must be recognized by the Chair before speaking!
- Debate can not begin until the Chair has stated the motion or resolution and asked "are you ready for the question?" If no one rises, the chair calls for the vote!
- Before the motion is stated by the Chair (the question) members may suggest modification of the motion; the mover can modify as he pleases, or even withdraw the motion without consent of the seconder; if mover modifies, the seconder can withdraw the second.

Guidelines (continued)

- The "immediately pending question" is the last question stated by the Chair! Motion/Resolution - Amendment - Motion to Postpone
- The member moving the "immediately pending question" is entitled to preference to the floor!
- No member can speak twice to the same issue until everyone else wishing to speak has spoken to it once!
- All remarks must be directed to the Chair. Remarks must be courteous in language and deportment - avoid all personalities, never allude to others by name or to motives!
- The agenda and all committee reports are merely recommendations! When presented to the assembly and the question is stated, debate begins and changes occur!

The Rules

- **Point of Privilege:** Pertains to noise, personal comfort, etc. - may interrupt only if necessary!
- **Parliamentary Inquiry:** Inquire as to the correct motion - to accomplish a desired result, or raise a point of order
- **Point of Information:** Generally applies to information desired from the speaker: "I should like to ask the (speaker) a question."
- **Orders of the Day** (Agenda): A call to adhere to the agenda (a deviation from the agenda requires Suspending the Rules)
- **Point of Order:** Infraction of the rules, or improper decorum in speaking. Must be raised immediately after the error is made
- **Main Motion:** Brings new business (the next item on the agenda) before the assembly

The Rules (continued)

- **Divide the Question:** Divides a motion into two or more separate motions (must be able to stand on their own)
- **Consider by Paragraph:** Adoption of paper is held until all paragraphs are debated and amended and entire paper is satisfactory; after all paragraphs are considered, the entire paper is then open to amendment, and paragraphs may be further amended. Any Preamble can not be considered until debate on the body of the paper has ceased.
- **Amend:** Inserting or striking out words or paragraphs, or substituting whole paragraphs or resolutions
- **Withdraw/Modify Motion:** Applies only after question is stated; mover can accept an amendment without obtaining the floor

The Rules (continued)

- **Commit /Refer/Recommit to Committee:** State the committee to receive the question or resolution; if no committee exists include size of committee desired and method of selecting the members (election or appointment).
- **Extend Debate:** Applies only to the immediately pending question; extends until a certain time or for a certain period of time
- **Limit Debate:** Closing debate at a certain time, or limiting to a certain period of time
- **Postpone to a Certain Time:** State the time the motion or agenda item will be resumed
- **Object to Consideration:** Objection must be stated before discussion or another motion is stated

The Rules (continued)

- **Lay on the Table:** Temporarily suspends further consideration/action on pending question; may be made after motion to close debate has carried or is pending
- **Take from the Table:** Resumes consideration of item previously "laid on the table" - state the motion to take from the table
- **Reconsider:** Can be made only by one on the prevailing side who has changed position or view
- **Postpone Indefinitely:** Kills the question/resolution for this session - exception: the motion to reconsider can be made this session
- **Previous Question:** Closes debate if successful - may be moved to **"Close Debate"** if preferred

The Rules (continued)

- **Informal Consideration:** Move that the assembly go into **"Committee of the Whole"** - informal debate as if in committee; this committee may limit number or length of speeches or close debate by other means by a 2/3 vote. All votes, however, are formal.
- **Appeal Decision of the Chair:** Appeal for the assembly to decide - must be made before other business is resumed; NOT debatable if relates to decorum, violation of rules or order of business
- **Suspend the Rules:** Allows a violation of the assembly's own rules (except Constitution); the object of the suspension must be specified

TAMWG Charter Renewal and Membership Nomination Request

Charter and Membership for 2015-2016

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- Charter Renewal:
  - Current charter expires on January 14, 2015
    - TAMWG cannot hold meeting without an active charter
  - Current charter will be resubmitted as currently written.
    - But may be edited at regional and national offices.

TAMWG's Roll and Members' Roles

- The roll of the TAMWG is to provide stakeholders the opportunity to give policy and management input about TRRP restoration efforts to the TMC.
- TAMWG members should be senior representatives of their respective constituents with a legitimate link to restoration activities of the TRRP.
- They should have the authority to speak for their organization(s) and commit to following up TAMWG and TMC discussions with their colleagues.

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- Senior representative of respective constituents:
  - Recreational
  - Environment
  - Landowners
  - Commercial fishing
  - Sport Fishing
  - Timber
  - Power
  - Agriculture
  - Water Users
  - Agencies
  - Others

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Membership Nomination Process

- TAMWG members and their alternates serve 3-year terms. All TAMWG member terms are up for renewal this year (no staggered terms)

- Timeline – all information must be received by the DFO by COB, Day, July XX, 2014.
  - Nomination packages not received by this date may be delayed consideration in the initial membership effort but will be submitted at a later date.

- Outreach
  - Press Release – newspapers, USFWS Regional Outreach
  - Federal Register Notice
  - Current members announce to their constituents

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VETTING PROCESS

- Required information needed from potential members and alternates. Primary member nominates alternates.
  - Full Name (including middle name)
  - Home Address
  - Home Phone Number
  - Date of Birth
  - Resume (including employment history)
  - Email Address
  - Letter of support/nomination – individuals can self-nominate via a cover letter that includes the above information

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VETTING PROCESS

- Conflict of Interest:
  - "Individuals who are currently Federally registered lobbyists are ineligible to serve on all FACA and non-FACA boards, committees, or councils."
  - Need to include the following statement at the bottom of your resume:

"I do not have a conflict of interest or receive financial gain from any group or program associated with the Trinity River Restoration Program"

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- When all material received the charter and nominations will be submitted to DOI for consideration

- **Charter** package includes:
  - Note to reviewers
  - Membership balance plan
  - Justification statement (if applicable)
  - Copy of current charter
  - Copy of charter with proposed edits
  - Authorizing Legislation (if applicable) = ROD
  - Current vacancy report for the committee

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- **Membership** package includes:
  - Note to reviewers
  - Briefing Paper for White House Liaison
  - Resume/Bios
  - Copy of current charter
  - Copy of vacancy report
  - Authorizing Legislation (if applicable) = ROD

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QUESTIONS?