

**WORLD ELDER GATHERING
BUSINESS MEETING
Saturday, October 23, 2010**

PRESENT:

Allan Podbelsek - KY (stand-in for Steve Pollock)
Antoine Gilliot - French Speaking Community
David Mahler - St. Louis, MO (Rep for Tom Muenks MKP STL EC)
Dick Granoff - Los Angeles
Gary San Pietro - Philadelphia
Gene McMahan - Elder Chair
John de Strakosch - Ritual Elder Coordinator
John Lindermuth - San Diego
Kenneth Plattner - Elder Vice Chair
Lewis Daniels - Colorado
Mike Fallahay - Indiana - stand-in
Phil Wolpe - Arizona
Raymond St Germain - Houston, TX
Rod Clay - Central Plains (Formerly Sioux City)
Royal Fader - Windsor/Detroit (AH)
Simon Hinkly - United Kingdom
Terry Jones - NW
Terry Wimberly - Australia
Tom Witman - Greater Carolinas

MINUTES:

- 1) **Opening Blessing:**
By Kenneth Plattner, Vice Elder Chair

- 2) **Check In**
Name, Animal Name, Center Represented and desired outcome of the meeting

- 3) **Proposal to change present requirement that the MKP-USA Elder Chair and Vice Chair be a Ritual Elder.**
Motion by Rod Clay, Seconded by David Mahler.
Tabled per motion by Allan Podbelsek in order to get greater context from subsequent proposals.

- 4) **Proposal that the Ritual Elder Coordinator be elected by the Ritual Elder Council and ratified by the MKP Elder Council**
Motion by Dick Granoff, Seconded by John Lindermuth.
Tabled in order to get greater context from subsequent proposals.

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5) Regional Elder Chair Proposal:

We propose that all regions within MKPI elect their own autonomous Elder Chair and Council. These Elder Chairs will create their own regional budgets.

These Regional Elder Chairs will select a MKPI Elder Chair.

The MKPI Elder Chair or his designate or Vice Chair represent the elders on the MKPI Project Council.

That the MKP-USA Elder Chair, elected in 2010, be the MKPI Chair until the other regions have selected their own Elder Chairs.

Motion by Terry Jones, Seconded by Phil Wolpe. Passed.

6) Ratification of Ritual Elder

John de Strakosch was ratified with unanimous consensus as the MKP-USA Ritual Elder Coordinator.

7) Ritual Elder Coordinator Proposal:

Proposal that the MKP-USA Ritual Elder Coordinator be elected by the MKP-USA Ritual Elder Council and ratified by the MKP-USA Elder Council. The MKP-USA Ritual Elder Coordinator is empowered to make decisions that involve Ritual Elders including calling Peer Reviews of Ritual Elders and that his services be available upon request by other regions.

Motion by Dick Granoff, Seconded by David Mahler. Passed.

8) Proposal to change present requirement that the MKP-USA Elder Chair and Vice Chair be a Ritual Elder to:

The position of MKP-USA Elder Chair and Vice Chair is open to any MKP-USA declared Elder. These elections, if held prior to an odd numbered year will be considered Elder Chair and Vice Chair elect until Jan. 1st of the odd numbered year. The Elder Chair and Vice Chair will be mentored by the outgoing Elder Chair and Vice Chair until the Jan 1st commencement date.

Motion by David Mahler, Seconded by Tom Witman. Passed by consensus.

9) The Election Process for Elder Chair and Vice Chair was Facilitated by Tom Pitner.

10) Terry Jones was elected Elder Chair.

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- 11) **Phil Wolpe was elected Vice Chair.**
- 12) **The Elder Staff was passed to Terry Jones.**
- 13) **Men honored and thanked Gene McMahon and Kenneth Plattner for their service.**
- 14) **Meeting adjourned.**

Respectfully submitted by Norman Pearl – Playful Lion.

MKPI Elder Communications Coordinator
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