

Annual Meeting Report 2023

The Annual Meeting took place on February 23, 2023 upstairs at La Buena Vida. The meeting was called for 10:30 a.m. but there were insufficient members represented at that time so, by virtue of the second call for the meeting, it started at 11:00 a.m. There were 59 members represented at La Buena Vida and a further 7 members participating via ZOOM. Jon Kantor (an honorary member) hosted the Zoom meeting but did not vote. Zoom attendees voted by poll. Beryl van Lierop was appointed as the meeting President, there were 3 scrutineers appointed to verify attendees membership, and the meeting secretary. There was one abstention on Agenda Item IV but agenda items I, II, III, V and VI were approved unanimously by all represented members.

Agenda Item VII was the final report of the outgoing President Dan Freeman who received the thanks and good wishes of the membership. Dan's presentation was followed by reports on Security (Peter Swenson) and the Government Committee (Ingrid Datica). All reports were unanimously accepted by the members.

Agenda Item VIII - Appointment of President and Treasurer, adopted the proposed new Bylaw approach to Board Elections and Candidacy. The Director of Elections reported on the findings of the Nominating Committee that both Ricardo Mangione, candidate for Vecinos President, and Neil David Canter, candidate for Vecinos Treasurer, met the requirements of those offices. Both candidates were unanimously appointed by the members to those positions.

As the new Treasurer, Neil Canter presented the Budget and Dues for 2023 (Agenda Item IX) which was accepted unanimously. The 2023 Dues in pesos are as follow:

Casa 13,000

Apartment (condos and other) 5,500,

Lot and Converted Honorary members 2,800

Invoices will be sent to members starting next week.

Ricardo Mangione, the new President, introduced himself to the membership and presented his priorities for the year (Agenda Item X). He was welcomed by the membership and his priorities were accepted unanimously.

Under Other Business (Agenda Item XI) 2 topics were raised: Nancy Poor requested support for a committee to be formed in March to start work on a fundraiser/social gathering for next year; and a tentative date for the 2024 annual meeting was proposed: **February 22 2024 at 10:00 a.m.**

After appointing the 2 individuals to protocolize the minutes of the meeting, Beryl van Lierop closed the meeting at 12:20.

The mixed (in-person and virtual) meeting would not have been possible without the assistance of Jon Kantor, Zoom host, Neil Canter, Zoom co-host, and Alex Malison (Zoom and tech support in La Buena Vida) who spent many hours putting all the pieces together so that members in La Buena Vida and on Zoom could see and hear each other. Many thanks to all three members. Please stick around, we will need you next year!

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Vecinos Annual Meeting Secretary
February 25, 2023