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BALLOT NUMBER: 14-01

DATE: 03/03/2014

SUBJECT: Migration of TICA website to a Content Management System

REQUESTED BY: Vickie Fisher

BALLOT: Budget up to \$3,000 for the purpose of migrating TICA's www.tica.org website from a static HTML platform to a Content Management System (CMS) and request the Executive Office work with Erwin van den Bunder to complete the task in a timely manner and in conformance with the deliverables enumerated in his proposal for the project.

YES: Adler, Alessio, Bangle, Bourreau, Crockett, Faccioli, Hicks, Oizumi, Stadter, Tullo

NO: Cornwell, Klamm, Patton, Vasquez

COMMENTS FOR THE TREND:

JB: An excellent offer. We've needed and wanted to do this for years.

SA: This is a largely administrative move that has been discussed before and it is time to make it happen. I do not think this move is in any way based on "emotion" and disagree with such characterization.

PC: I agree that this improvement needs making. However, I don't know enough about IT to know whether this is a good quote or not, and feel that this should have been made open to bids, rather than be presented with this one single offer.

WK: Being a newbie to the Board, I would like the opportunity to understand the issue of the migration of TICA website to a CMS better. Going back and forth between all the emails was not sufficient for me. I would also like us to follow common business practices and obtain bids on the project since this has not been done. While it has been stated that this could have been handled as a function of the EO, it has been brought to the Board. Therefore, obtaining bids, discussing and voting on them at the next board meeting does not seem like an unreasonable process. No disrespect intended for the seasoned board members, but if the Board has waited this long to address this issue, waiting 2 more months and doing it the correct way is the best way to go.

LP: I feel I have to vote no because of pertinent information that has not been made available to all board members. If we are to work together, I feel we all need the same information. I agree we need to do something, however, I cannot vote without having more information.

MV: Doing board ballots outside of meetings has been discussed many times and the outcome has always been that they should be used "at a minimum." and used for emergency situations in between meetings. Being asked to vote on something that has long been a sticking point with previous boards and being expected to go along just because of who is involved is improper. Once again this board has been asked to make a vote without knowing exactly how this will impact TICA beyond today. While I have no personal issue with the actual migration of TICA.org to another platform, the issues are: 1. This is not an emergency, and therefore does not fit the reasoning required to hold a Board Ballot. 2. Passing this ballot with no specific approval of future plans (or their costs to TICA), and without true consultation of those who work for TICA, nor input from the membership, seems somehow shady and devious. 3. This is moving too fast, with no good reason. One random communication with someone and we vote on an important issue? What if we take this bid and everything to follow may be too expensive, or voted down by the Board (as in the past). Why start something until we know we can finish it? I understand this is an important time for some but that does not mean the board should continue to act on emotion rather

than follow proper procedure. This issue can, and should, wait till the May meeting, when a full report of the transition and future costs and pros/cons can be discussed in detail.

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Sincerely,
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