

DATE: 04/10/2015



BALLOT NUMBER: 15-02

DATE: 04/03/2015

SUBJECT: TICA Web

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

REQUESTED BY: Ellen Crockett

BALLOT: Return the TICA web site to the Joomla platform immediately.

YES: Adler, Bangle, Bourreau Chisholm, Crockett, Faccioli, Hicks, Stadter, Tullo

NO: Cornwell, Klamm, Mays, Patton, Vasquez

ABSTAIN: Oizumi

COMMENTS FOR THE TREND:

FM: Because of our growing "international family in TICA", I do believe that we need to concentrate on a website that is certainly international language friendly to try and accommodate everyone. But, even though changes in the "computer world" occur quickly, two different TICA Webmasters have had issues with utilizing Joomla in the past six years. At this time, I do not think that going back to Joomla, would be considered as moving TICA forward. I think it needs to be researched and discussed more thoroughly before we proceed.

LP: I continue to object to taking action by board ballots on a non-emergency basis... Conducting business via board ballot is problematic for several reasons: 1. Not having an item on a public agenda does not allow for sufficient preparation, research and discussion prior to voting; 2. Not having an item on a public agenda does not allow for membership input; 3. Due to the above, I believe that board ballots, which are akin to closed board session as the motions and discussions are not accessible to the membership prior to action being taken... It appears they are done deals before the membership is even alerted to the issue, does not provide for board transparency...

PC: I see absolutely no need for this ballot. We now have a website that appears to be working. To go back to a website that has had major problems recently seems a nonsense. If something is not broken, why change it to something that was?

MV: I continue to object to taking action by board ballots on a non-emergency basis. Conducting business via board ballot is problematic for several reasons: 1. Not having an item on a public agenda does not allow for sufficient preparation, research and discussion prior to voting; 2. Not having an item on a public agenda does not allow for membership input. As you know, I always strive to obtain input from my membership on any issues; and 3. Due to the above, I believe that board ballots, which are akin to closed board session as the motions and discussions are not accessible to the membership prior to action being taken, ie are done deals before the membership is even alerted to the issue, does not provide for board transparency which, as you know, I am so very passionate about. The issue with the web site is definitely not an emergency situation and should wait till the May meeting. The web site is running smoothly now and I see no reason to take a chance of it crashing again. We should not make anymore changes until the board can discuss our long term options. As with the last board ballot done over migrating to Joomla, BB 14-01, this is more of an internal matter and really doesn't need a board ballot. When the web site was down, I received many complaints from members wanting to know why and when it will be accessible again. Since it has been back up, I have received zero complaints from members because it is no longer with Joomla. The majority of the members do not care how the web site works, they just want to be able to access the web site in a timely fashion when they need it. The

board action referenced in this ballot is BB 14-01: "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." The board voted to budget UP TO \$3,000 for the purpose of migrating the web site. From my understanding, it has now been a year (and an additional \$3,100 spent) with continuing functional issues. What SHOULD be asked is why the amount approved has more than doubled, with a site that is not functional and completely crashing just one year later. There are obviously some issues with the EO and Erwin being able to complete the task at all, much less for the approved-and-surpassed \$3,000 budget. (Which that extra amount was not approved by the Board). The "in a timely manner and in conformance with deliverables enumerated" was by far not met by the migration. Why blindly migrate it back to Joomla if there's the chance of yet another crash, more unhappy members, and lost business?

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WK: I totally agree with Mike's and Phil's comments. This can wait until the Spring meeting.

BALLOT CARRIED

Sincerely,
LESLIE BOWERS
Business Manager

By-Laws:

110.2.2 Except as otherwise provided in these By-Laws, adoption of any proposal by mail ballot shall require an affirmative vote of a majority of all Board Members holding office after all Board Members have been balloted for the shorter of a period of 10 days or 3 days after a majority vote has been attained and the remaining uncast ballots would not affect the outcome of the voting.