

# WORLD ROOTS

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## Message from the President

Last August we mailed a ballot asking members to accept changes to the group Constitution. This was a strategic objective identified in April 2007, was reviewed in detail by Judy Stadler and I, with legal advice from Gordon Malaise, presented to the Board in the winter and spring of 2007-08, and approved for presentation to the membership by members at the General Meeting on May 21, 2008. There was insufficient response to the vote in September (54% of the required 66%).

A copy of the Resolution is printed in its entirety in this issue for your review. The original (dated April 11, 1990), along with the marked-up copy of proposed changes can be found on our Yahoo! Group pages in the Files section. If you have questions, contact Judy Stadler (608.276.0109). I will be out of town from December 21, 2008 to January 19, 2009.

There are *five separate issues* to vote on, and I would like to explain the reasoning behind each.

- 1. Name of the group:** Because we are not the only RPCV group in Wisconsin, and because our current name has caused confusion at NPCA, we are changing the name to differentiate ourselves. The change is also at the request of the Milwaukee group.
- 2. Discrimination:** We have had incidents of member harassment and we chose to remove the non-discrimination based on arrest record phrase. In the process, we consulted Gordon Malaise and he recommended additional changes. This does not mean that we will now begin to refuse members based on politics or for arrest in a political demonstration - it simply means that the statement meets current legal standards, while addressing our harassment concern.
- 3. Record retention in event of group dissolution:** The Wisconsin State Historical Society has agreed to take our archives, should we ever dissolve, as part of their mission in the management of Wisconsin history. We feel this is a more appropriate place than with NPCA in Washington. (Required records will also be submitted to NPCA).
- 4. Achievement of educational goals:** We cleaned this clause up to allow a 2/3 majority at a General Meeting to approve educational projects. The former clause lacked reference to majority approval.
- 5. Constitution amendment majority:** The feedback we received from many of you in September's vote was that you felt you did not know enough about what was happening to vote. We agree that those who attend the General Meetings are in a better position to vote, as long as we also use the proper notification procedure for all members prior to a meeting where we vote. The notification procedure has *not* changed (two weeks' notice of the proposed amendment, to include date, time and place, and an option for proxy vote). We are committed to proper notification.

A separate mailing will go out to all current voting members (you must be a paid-up RPCVs of WI-Madison member as of January 2, 2009) between January 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009, as a re-vote on these proposals. We beg each of you to pay attention to the ballot (as of this writing, we are also evaluating the use of an online survey tool, so watch your e-mail as well as your mail). At the November 19 General Meeting, the Board approved spending an additional \$150 to prepare and mail these ballots. When you receive the ballot, please return it immediately, so we do not need to mail the follow-up postcards to obtain the 2/3 majority. Remember that money for mailing comes from your dues.

Vote early!

## Dates in Brief\*

### December

- 6 - Holiday Party, Sophie's\*
- 6 - Fair Trade Fair, Mon. Ter.
- 12 - TGIF - Memorial Union
- 25 - Christmas

### January

- 4 - Bookclub for Dec\*
- 8 - International Dinner\*
- 9 - TGIF, Harmony Bar
- 21 - Gen Mtng, Red Gym
- 24 - Freeze for Food
- 25 - Photo Viewing, Mem Union
- 25 - Book Club for Jan\*
- 27 - Cal Com Mtng RAS home

### February

- 5 - International Dinner\*
- 13 - TGIF, Memorial Union
- 18 - Gen Mtng, Red Gym
- 22 - Book Club\*
- 24 - Cal Com Mtng RAS home

\* More info inside

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## *RPCVs of WI – Madison Officers & Contacts*

### **Elected Officers**

|                    |                |                |  |
|--------------------|----------------|----------------|--|
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|                              |             |                |  |
|------------------------------|-------------|----------------|--|
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### **Other Contacts**

|                           |                      |          |  |
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### **Listserv**

RPCVs of WI – Madison [http://groups.yahoo.com/group/rpcv\\_madison/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/rpcv_madison/)

### **Websites**

|                        |   |
|------------------------|---|
| RPCVs of WI – Madison  | <a href="http://www.rpcvmadison.org">http://www.rpcvmadison.org</a>           |
| International Calendar | <a href="http://www.rpcvcalendar.org">http://www.rpcvcalendar.org</a>         |
| NPCA                   | <a href="http://www.rpcv.org">http://www.rpcv.org</a>                         |
| Peace Corps Online     | <a href="http://www.peacecorpsonline.org">http://www.peacecorpsonline.org</a> |
| Peace Corps            | <a href="http://www.peacecorps.gov">http://www.peacecorps.gov</a>             |
| Our address            |   |

PO Box 1012, Madison, WI 53701

## **Calendars for Sale**

**One of the benefits of membership in our group is the opportunity to purchase International Calendars for \$5 each.**

**Calendars are available from**

|                          |                        |                          |                       |
|--------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>East</b>              | <b>East</b>            | <b>West</b>              | <b>West</b>           |
| <b>Rose Ann Scott</b>    | <b>Troy Rutter</b>     | <b>Sophia Zermuehlin</b> | <b>Lee Row</b>        |
| <b>2714 Oakwood Ave.</b> | <b>3926 Anchor Dr.</b> | <b>317 Bordner Dr.</b>   | <b>5217 Pepin Pl.</b> |
| <b>241.0845</b>          | <b>245.9964</b>        | <b>233.7886</b>          | <b>232.9065</b>       |

# Meeting Minutes

November 19, 2008

## Attendance

**Members:** Tom Brodd, Kenneth Coffeen, Heather Gomez, Peter Joyce, Meghan Meeker, Helene Pesche, Lee Row, Troy Rutter, Kate Schachter, Judy Stadler, Char Thompson, Ana Zambie, and Walt Zeltner. **Guests:** Julia Nelson and John Sheffy

## Call to Order

President Kate Schachter called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM in the Red Gym on the University of Wisconsin-Madison campus.

## Approval of Oct Meeting Minutes

Kate explained that the minutes had been reviewed and revised by the group officers and board members. Char motioned to approve the minutes, Judy seconded, and the group approved unanimously.

## Approval of Nov Meeting Agenda

The group reviewed and approved the agenda for tonight's meeting.

## Announcements

Tom Brodd circulated a list of Peace Corps Partnership projects, inviting each member present to allocate \$1000 toward one project.

Tom announced that the selection of photos for the 2010 calendar will occur on Sunday, January 25 in the Red Gym Mezzanine Rooms A & B from 12:00 to 4:00 PM. Those interested in submitting photos can do so until December 31<sup>st</sup>. Visit the calendar website

[rpcvcalendar.org](http://rpcvcalendar.org) for the submission form and instructions.

## Freeze for Food Event

Peter Joyce, who coordinates the Freeze for Food fundraising event, estimates \$700 in general expenses, plus \$250 for insurance required by the Parks Department. The group decided to extend a \$1000 line of credit to cover the event expenses. Peter expects the event to raise \$2000-\$3000, with all proceeds going to the Colombia

Support Network. Tom motioned to support this funding request, Walt seconded, and the group approved unanimously. The 28<sup>th</sup> annual Freeze for Food event, a 5-10K walk/run around Lake Wingra, will occur on Saturday, January 24, 2009.

## Financial Report

With guidance from Treasurer Ana Zambie, the group reviewed three financial documents: (1) 2007-08 Budget vs. Actuals, (2) 2008-09 Proposed Budget, and (3) Sept.-Oct. 2008 Cash Flow Statement. The group discussed and clarified



a number of concerns related to transferring the unclaimed NPCA funds to the Poster Project, waiting to post expenses until after checks clear, donations under \$100 from the presidential discretionary fund, membership dues estimates, reducing event expenses to equal revenue, seeking additional event funding from Peace Corps, estimating printing and mailing costs for group mailings, etc. Ana will attend the Calendar Committee meeting on November 25<sup>th</sup> to establish projected expenses and revenue for the 2010 calendar. After much discussion of pros and cons, the group decided to move the \$7000 in unclaimed NPCA funds to a new budget line for the Poster Project, as a temporary measure pending approval of the Poster Project's business plan at the January 2009 meeting. The finalized 2008-09 Budget will also be presented for

approval at that meeting. Kate invited input on the cash flow statement, and the group recommended that the Freeze for Food's \$20 balance be paid out to the Colombia Support Network in order to zero-out the project account balance.

## 2009 Membership Dues

Heather Gomez, as Membership Coordinator, reported that 2009 membership dues payments continue to arrive. She will calculate the total number of dues-paying members so the group can mail ballots for the constitutional amendment revote.

## Archiving Project

Char Thompson reported that she has collected all the group's archives, but Amy O'Shea has not yet started to design and assemble the filing system. John Sheffy, the Campus Peace Corps Representative, announced that his office – where the archives are to be stored – may be moving to a yet-to-be-determined location.

## Constitutional Amendment

In order to increase the number of constitutional amendment ballots returned by dues-paying

members in the second round of voting, Judy Stadler motioned to mail out paper ballots, each accompanied by a cover letter and stamped return envelope. For those members who do not respond, she will follow up by sending a reminder postcard. The total expense for both mailings should be approximately \$150. Judy suggested mailing out the ballots in early January, with a return deadline of January 31<sup>st</sup>. Tom seconded the motion, and the group approved unanimously.

## Holiday Party

The Holiday Party will be held on December 6 at 6 PM in Sophie Zermuehlin's house (317 Bordner Drive, Madison). Please bring a dish and holiday gift to share.

## Identify Volunteer Needs

Kate called for the group to identify volunteer needs, but no ideas were



proposed. She tabled this agenda item until a future meeting.

#### Website Update

Mary Ann Feutz has been collaborating with Kim Malueg to create a new version of the group's website. Kate submitted updated content for inclusion on the site. It should go live by November 21<sup>st</sup>. Interested members can preview the new website at

[www.rpcvmadison.org/beta](http://www.rpcvmadison.org/beta).

#### 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

Laura Buchs coordinated a meeting to brainstorm ideas for celebrating Peace Corps's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The assembled members discussed a variety of options. Laura is preparing a survey to further poll the group's interests and identify the most popular ideas.

#### Millennium Promise

Kate, Lee, Helene Pesche, and other RPCVs met with Dennis Haraszko, Operations Manager for Central and West Africa with the Millennium Promise

([www.millenniumpromise.org](http://www.millenniumpromise.org)).

They discussed the possibility of our group partnering with Millennium Promise to support an African community, in honor of Peace Corps's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

#### Process for Disposing of Unclaimed NPCA Funds

The group considered establishing a process for reallocating funds unclaimed by the National Peace Corps Association (NPCA), which is eligible to apply for an annual grant from RPCVs of Madison. Members proposed several ideas for how to reallocate any NPCA funds left unclaimed in the 2008-09 fiscal year and beyond. These ideas included transferring the money to Peace Corps Partnerships, the Global Education Fund, the annual projects ("gift-away"), and/or special projects proposed by members. The process for reallocating unclaimed NPCA funds will be finalized during the Bylaws review.

#### Memorial Donations

Kate suggested donating \$100 to the Worker's Rights Center in memory of Dan Rosenthal, RPCV-Dominican Republic. Lee requested that the group also donate \$100 to the Sharp-Zillig Foun-

ation in memory of Matt Zillig, another long-time member. Judy seconded the motion to make both donations, and the group approved. Kate will mail the two checks in our group's name to the designated organizations. We decided to add a Memorial Fund budget line, capped at \$500 and funded from calendar proceeds.

#### Calendar Proceeds Report

Lee continues working on the full accounting of calendar proceeds. She submitted a detailed report showing that the group has donated \$633,880 in calendar proceeds since the 1988-89 fiscal year. Lee will search through the archives to locate missing data from 2001-02. Such information was previously documented on tax forms, but these were not filed consistently.

#### 2009 Events Calendar

Kate advocated establishing a calendar of Board and other group meetings, in order to aid strategic planning and budgeting. She will circulate a draft via email to invite members' feedback.

#### Third Goal Opportunities

(1) In recognition of the current economic crisis and its global impact, Judy called on members to research hunger issues in their countries of service and brainstorm how the group may be able to offer assistance. (2) Rajeev Goyal, MorePeaceCorps coordinator, has requested that the group carry out a letter writing campaign during the Holiday Party on December 6<sup>th</sup>. Kate volunteered to prepare letters and bring them to the party. (3) NPCA has requested that all RPCV groups donate \$500 towards the national celebrations honoring Peace Corps's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Since there is no budget allocation for such a gift, Kate suggested that the \$500 could be deducted from the NPCA's 2009 grant. This proposal will be considered at a future meeting.

#### Adjournment

Following a full agenda, Kate adjourned the meeting at 9:04 PM.

#### Addendum

Following the meeting's conclusion, Kate sent a follow-up email to all attendees, asking them to vote

on whether or not the constitutional amendment ballots should be issued to all active members on January 2, 2009. The group approved.



#### December 6, 2008

A brief meeting was held at the annual Holiday Party at Sophie Zermuehlen's home on Saturday, December 6. Kate Schachter, President, reported on several items.

- The Freeze for Food will be held on Saturday, January 24. Watch for and respond to Peter Joyce's call for assistance.
- A copy of the 9/10/08 report from the Peace Corps Office of Private Sector Initiatives was made available to anyone who wanted to see how the \$70,000 we gave to Peace Corps in 2007 was spent. It included the \$25,000 for the Drinking Water and Sanitation Fund, which leveraged an additional \$25,000 matching grant.
- A copy of the NPCA report outlining how they used the \$10,000 we gave them in 2007 was made available for review.
- The Constitution amendment did not pass in September because we did not get the requisite number of votes from the members. All members are asked to pay close attention to the next attempt to update the Constitution, which will take place in January. The Board approved an additional \$150 for mailings, which comes out of member dues. Meghan Meeker, our secretary, is looking into the use of SurveyMonkey, an e-survey tool, as a way to cut costs and improve response.
- Laura Buchs has been working on our group's presence during the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration activities. Several meetings have been held, but it is important to get everyone's input, so she is planning to send out an e-survey.
- Our group page has been updated on [rpcv.org](http://rpcv.org). Check their

website, and go to the Affiliates page, if you'd like to check the information.

- The Poster Project is coming along, and a marketing plan and budget should be ready by January for the group to vote on funds allocation.
- There were 140 calendars sold at the Fair Trade Holiday Festival at Monona Terrace. We have calendars left, but expect to sell out by the end of the year.
- The group still has an unused park credit available for use before the end of the year. It is unused because of the severe weather that drove the campers out of their site. Check with Terry Stark or Troy Rutter if you'd like to use it before the end of 2008!

The meeting was quickly brought to a close, and a feast of food, conversation and good cheer enjoyed by all.



Time for dessert!



Kristy & Jorge brought the entertainment



Table for two? Who needs a table?



Joe explains the rules



Maddy graciously delivers a big box to Helene, who seems delighted with its contents. Helene has promised to wear her new hat next year too.







Solving the world's problems after dinner



What did you get?



Yay! Dad finally got a cookbook!



Feels like home, every year



Fantastic! But what is it?



Tea, Karl?



Troy gets a hand



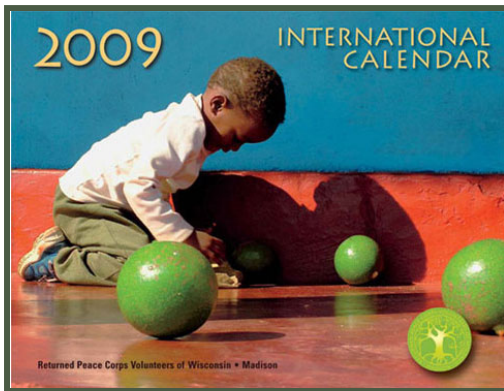
Rose Ann & Merideth put their heads together



All eyes on Kristy



Don & Char in deep conversation



## Calendar News

### *Calendar Committee Minutes for October 2008*

#### Website

Need to get the recipes to put them up on the site

#### Sales

Current sales are 26,706 calendars with 9,194 left in stocks

#### Photo Selection for 2010 Calendar

The date for the photo selection is Sunday January 25

#### Extra Photos

Due to the lack of photos to do a complete calendar we are hoping to get enough extra photos from this years' selection to have, after the selection process, to have photos for two calendars.

#### Production Schedule

Jo has prepared a production schedule for the 2010 calendar which we should be getting out to the committee soon.

#### Marketing

Teresa Cousins has begun marketing the calendar locally and has made sales to a number of stores in the area. She also found that many of the stores on our list are no longer in business or do not wish to sell the calendar due to low

sales or because of the slowing economy they do not think calendar sales would be worth their time.

#### Job Descriptions

Still looking for more of those job descriptions.



### *Calendar Committee Minutes for November 20*

#### Sales

Sales are moving at a good pace. Forty more boxes of calendars traveled from Rose Ann's basement to Allen's warehouse, leaving only a few boxes at Rose Ann's.

#### Photo Selection for 2010 Calendar

The date for the photo selection is Sunday January 25. The location has been changed from the Red Gym to Memorial Union because the Red Gym does not have portable divider walls for displaying photos. The exact room has not been assigned yet.

#### Marketing

Teresa Cousins delivered calendars to the University Book Store, the Rainbow Book Store, Paul's Book Store, the Willy St. Co-op, A room of One's Own, and Buddha Belly. She has 60 calendars left.

#### Job Descriptions and Task lists

Still looking for more of those job descriptions and list of tasks.



## Announcements

### Book Club

The Book Club meets on the 4th Sunday of the month at 2 PM. Contact Mary Ann ([mafeutz@uwalumni.com](mailto:mafeutz@uwalumni.com)) if you would like to be included in the Book Club e-mails. Feel free to join any or all of the book discussions!

#### December

La Doctora, Linnea Smith

#### January

\*Wild Swans: Three Daughters of China, Jung Chang

#### February

\*The God of Small Things, Arundhati Roy

#### March

Malaria Dreams: An African Adventure, Stuart Stevens

\* denotes books that are part of the Madison Public Library's Book Club collection. There will be multiple copies of these books at the previous month's meetings for people to borrow.

Each month we dine together at a Madison Restaurant with a particular ethnic focus. Tom Brodd coordinates dinners and sends out notices on our listserv. If you are not online, call Tom @ 251.6193 to get alternative notices.



**National Peace Corps Association  
2007-08 Group Capacity Building Grant  
Final Report to RPCVs of Wisconsin-Madison**

The RPCVs of Wisconsin-Madison grant to NPCA funded a series of capacity-building conferences for NPCA member group leaders. NPCA maximized the extent and impact of the grant funds and involvement by group leaders by (1) coordinating these conferences to coincide with other scheduled regional events, (2) involving local group leaders in the organization and (3) incorporating in-kind support. The events covered under this grant are summarized as follows:

|             |          |                                |
|-------------|----------|--------------------------------|
| Atlanta, GA | March 29 | 12 participants from 10 groups |
| Seattle, WA | May 3    | 22 participants from 12 groups |
| Online      | Nov 20   | 25 participants from 16 groups |

The Group Leaders Forum (GLF) in San Francisco on October 4 helped to tie all of the meetings together and frame the context of the final “virtual” meeting held online. Approximately 100 people participated in the GLF, with 42 member groups officially represented (27 in person and 16 on the phone).

As previously reported, we derived the agendas for these meetings based on group leader input. The first two face-to-face meetings covered an afternoon (and into the evening in Seattle) and involved a range of topics, as defined by a survey open to all group leaders. Following discussion at the Group Leaders Forum in San Francisco and ongoing via the GroupLeaders listserv, we consulted with the GLF Coordinator, Ben Bellows, to focus the final, virtual meeting on membership. We asked participants to describe their membership strategies, questions and concerns, the compilation of which defined the meeting agenda.

We posted complete details, agendas, and outcomes (notes) of all meetings and the recording (audio and visual) of the virtual meeting to a dedicated page on our website:

[www.rpcv.org/pages/sitepage.cfm?id=1852](http://www.rpcv.org/pages/sitepage.cfm?id=1852) and posted a brief overview of each meeting and the website link to the GroupLeaders listserv.

While we anticipated that the face-to-face meetings would attract leaders of geographic groups and the virtual meeting would attract country of service group leaders, all meetings involved a full range of participants, including some for groups that are not yet formally affiliated with NPCA.

Participating group leaders reported that the meetings were extremely helpful in allowing leaders to share best practices, learn new strategies and brainstorm new approaches to persistent issues. Based on the particular success of the virtual meeting, NPCA staff members are already exploring options for hosting regular, smaller, focused meetings to involve all groups.

**Financial Report**

|                                 | <b>Budget</b>   | <b>Actual</b>      |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Conference planning/preparation | \$ 1,700        | \$ 2,119.02        |
| Regional conferences            | \$ 6,000        | \$ 5,490.44        |
| On-line conference              | \$ 2,100        | \$ 2,751.05        |
| Reporting                       | \$ 200          | \$ 220.00          |
| <b>Total</b>                    | <b>\$10,000</b> | <b>\$10,580.51</b> |

On behalf of the NPCA staff, Board of Directors, and particularly all of the leaders in NPCA’s 140 member groups, we thank the RPCVs of Wisconsin-Madison for their financial support that made these meetings possible. We look forward to continuing to work with RPCVs of WI-Madison and others to further the goals of our member group community and expand our connections and engagement in the Third Goal of Peace Corps and beyond.

Anne Baker  
Vice President  
NPCA

**Resolution to Amend the Constitution**

Whereas, the Board of Directors, in General Meetings with interested members in attendance, has reviewed the Constitution closely to consider improvements or changes; and

Whereas, we recognize that this group is not the only organization dedicated to Returned Peace Corps Volunteers in Wisconsin; and

Whereas, statements prohibiting discrimination have changed, and we wish to be current and complete in our own such statement; and

Whereas, we recognize that group size and direct member involvement has changed over time, making 2/3 membership majority approval difficult to attain, while we desire to fairly represent all membership needs;



1.) Therefore, be it resolved that the official name of the group shall be amended, and the Constitution shall be amended in all relevant areas, from:

Returned Peace Corps Volunteers of Wisconsin, Inc.

to

Returned Peace Corps Volunteers of Wisconsin - Madison, Inc.

2.) Be it further resolved, Section I.C. shall be amended from

RPCV's of Wisconsin, Inc., shall not discriminate in its activities, programs, or membership on the basis of sex, age, religion, politics, race, creed, color, handicap, marital status, national origin, ancestry, sexual orientation, arrest record or conviction record.

to:

RPCV's of Wisconsin - Madison, Inc., shall not discriminate in its activities, programs, or membership on the basis of sex, age, religion, race, creed, color, disability, marital status, national origin, ancestry, sexual orientation, or gender identity.

3.) Be it further resolved, that Section 1.D.2. shall be amended from

Upon dissolution of the corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all the assets of the corporation exclusively for the purposes of the corporation in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable or educational purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Board of Directors shall determine. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Circuit Court of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes. All corporate records will be retained by the registered agent for the period of time required by law. Such records will be made available to all persons with a legal right to view them. Afterwards, all records will be turned over to the National Council of Returned Peace Corps Volunteers.

to:

Upon dissolution of the corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all the assets of the corporation exclusively for the purposes of the corporation in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable or educational purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Board of Directors shall determine. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Circuit Court of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes. All corporate records will be retained by the registered agent for the period of time required by law. Such records will be made available to all persons with a legal right to view them. Afterwards, all records will be turned over to the Wisconsin State Historical Society.

4.) Be it further resolved, that Section 1.E.1. shall be amended from

The corporation will achieve its educational goals and purposes by any or all of the following methods:

to:

The corporation will achieve its educational goals and purposes upon approval of a majority vote at any general membership meeting by any or all of the following methods:

5.) Be it finally resolved that, that Section III.A shall be amended:

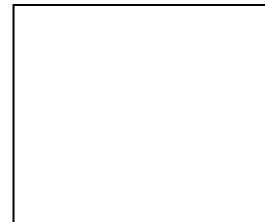
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**The 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Freeze for Food will be held Saturday, January 24, 2009 at the Vilas Park Shelter.  
Volunteers should arrive at 10:30 AM to begin registration and set up.  
The 5K race starts at 12 Noon and the 10K race starts at 1 PM.  
Contact Peter Joyce (245.0626, [peterjoyce@sbcglobal.net](mailto:peterjoyce@sbcglobal.net)) to volunteer or for more information.**

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