

MINUTES OF RT4 BOARD MEETING

August 19, 2020, 8:30pm Eastern

Present: AM, EQ, TC, KD, RM

1. Board voted to accept notes of July board meeting.
2. Board discussed and approved 7-point policing platform circulated in email "Police Reform Measures" on 08/17, with the following adjustments:
 - a. As a more minor concern, the coronavirus policing measure should be placed last.
 - b. The measure relating to ending abuses of migrants should be strengthened to explicitly call for the abolition of DHS as an umbrella agency, and the abolition of ICE.
3. Fiscal report for FY2021 (ending June 30, 2020)
 - a. The fiscal report for FY2021 is not ready, and will be presented at a subsequent board meeting.
4. Nominations
 - a. Board confirmed 50%+1 of full board as voting criterion for accepting a new interim nonvoting board member.
 - b. Board voted unanimously to accept Zaki Manian as new interim (nonvoting) at-large board member.
5. Videography
 - a. Two candidate videographers were presented as being under discussion; AM will follow up.
6. New calling tool
 - a. AM reports that DB has undertaken to set up a demo session to try out CallPower as a tool to connect constituents with phone calls to legislators. The minimum cost is \$250/mo for up to 1000 calls; it is a month-to-month contract.
7. CARS Coalition
 - a. Via email vote, the Board did not vote to withdraw membership from CARS, the Uber-funded Coalition Against Rider Surveillance, so we continue to be members.
8. PPSA
 - a. We are reviewing partnering with the Project for Privacy and Surveillance Accountability, a right-leaning D.C. policy group whose senior policy counsel is Bob Goodlatte, Republican former chair of House Judiciary and architect of USA LIBERTY Act (which we opposed). Can we profit from the Carter Page FISA outrage to get them to participate in meaningful FISA reform? (See email `Exploring alliance with PPSA: Call early next week.`) Some differences of culture but no serious red flags. Followup call provisionally scheduled for early September.
9. Policing crisis in Portland:
 - a. Issue with letter about policing Portland, OR: the letter is focused on federal police, but the police brutality is the same whether the badges are issued by feds, by Oregon State Police, or by the Portland Police Bureau. Unfortunately, we don't have many connections on the ground to directly help with litigation, so local partners may move ahead faster than we can.
10. Revived chapter check-in calls on fourth of every month; next scheduled for September 4. Board members encouraged to call in.
11. Next Board meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 16, 2020 at 8:30pm Eastern.
12. Adjournment