

Governance Committee

March 1, 2021

In attendance: Donna Gilles, CW Tillman, Angela Thanyachereon, Colleen Miller, Jefferson Harding

Missing: Lance Elwood, Diana Crosswhite, Heidi Campbell, Sierrah Willis

Staff present: Kourtney Wilson

Donna led the Governance Committee in a discussion about expectations for the Board of Directors. Various members of the Committee believe that the expectations for Board giving is not very clear as is and believe that responsibilities should be explicitly stated. The Committee brainstormed potential ways to update the language within the roles and responsibilities of Board members. Possible ideas include a “give or get” option, in which Board members would be expected to either donate financially, or to find sponsors that would donate to dLCV. Another suggestion is that Board members may donate to the organization with their time as opposed to financially. This would be in the form of volunteering, committee membership, or committee leadership.

Committee members want to emphasize that a monetary donation is just as important as being a lead on a fundraising event. In general, the committee leaned towards a requirement that each Board member make a “meaningful” financial contribution as well as contributions of time and talent, specifically through service on board committees or other volunteer opportunities.

Board member completion of this responsibility will be monitored by the Executive Committee.

Donna will draft potential language and will send to the Committee for their input. Feedback is expected prior to the April Board meeting.