

The monthly General Meeting of the Park Slope Food Coop was held on Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015 beginning at 7:15 p.m. at the MS 51 Public School. Maribeth Batcha in the Chair, Tim Platt as Secretary, Carl Arnold on the table, and Imani Q’ryn attending.

**Coordinator's Reports**

Mike Eakin. General Coordinator. Reading financial statement for March 31<sup>st</sup> 2015, the 52<sup>nd</sup> week of the financial year.

Allen Zimmerman. General Coordinator. Produce report.

Joe Holtz. General Coordinator. On Allen Zimmerman’s retirement.

**Committee Reports**

Environmental Committee. On recycling.

GMO Committee. Greg Todd. On labeling of GMO’s.

International Trade and Education Squad. Bart and Will. On blog and upcoming events

Loan Committee. Rachel Porter. On fund for new coop’s.

**Item 1: Presentation of Candidates for the Board of Directors Election (20 minutes)**

**Discussion:** “Presentation by candidates for the Board of Directors followed by questions for the candidates.”

—*mandated by the General Meeting*

Monique Bowen, Susan Metz, Eunju Lee, and Christopher McQuale presenting their platforms for candidacy.

Q&A for candidates

**Item 2: Annual Disciplinary Committee Election (20 minutes)**

**Election:** Three current Disciplinary Committee members will stand for re-election. The Disciplinary Committee goes through an extensive interviewing process. There are no nominations from the floor.

—*submitted by the Disciplinary Committee*

Curtis March, Steve Schwerner, and Cara Tuzzolino standing for re-election.

Members provided statements

Questions from floor

Ballots distributed

Discovered that not enough ballots created for written vote.

Motion for hand vote

Seconded.

Hand vote for hand vote carried.

Each candidate introduced separately.

<b>Member Name</b>	<b>Result</b>
Curtis March	<i>Re-elected</i>
Steve Schwerner	<i>Re-elected</i>
Cara Tuzzolino	<i>Re-elected</i>

**Item 3: Proposed Bylaws Amendment to comply with changes to NYS law and to eliminate the current conflict between the Coop’s Bylaws and Certificate of Incorporation (20 minutes)**

**Proposal:** To amend Article I of the Park Slope Food Coop Inc. as follows:

—*submitted by General Coordinators*

<b>Current Bylaws Article I</b>	<b>Proposed Amended Bylaws Article I</b>
<i>Type of Cooperative The Park Slope Food Coop, Inc. shall be a non-stock membership cooperative as defined in Article 1 section 3 of the New York State Cooperative Corporations Law. The Not-For-Profit Corporation Law shall apply to the Park Slope Food Coop as described in Article 1 section 5 of the New York State Cooperative Corporations Law.</i>	<i>The Park Slope Food Coop, Inc. is incorporated under the New York State Cooperative Corporations Law as a general non-stock cooperative corporation. Article 1 section 3 paragraph (d) of the New York State Cooperative Corporations Law states "A cooperative corporation shall be classed as a non-profit corporation, since its primary object is not to make profits for itself as such, or to pay dividends on invested capital, but to provide service and means whereby its members may have the economic advantage of cooperative action....."</i>

Mike Salgo addressing membership  
Motion raised to amend the bylaws  
Seconded  
No Q&A  
Vote by hand. Overwhelming majority to change bylaws

**Item 4: Port Ambrose Liquefied Natural Gas Project (20 minutes)**

**Discussion:** Proposal for the Coop to get involved in the current movement against Port Ambrose Liquefied Natural Gas Project, including writing to Governor Cuomo.

—submitted by Jessica Roff

Jessica Roff presenting  
Proposal read  
Q&A from audience

**Presentation of Minutes:**

No suggested changes or edits to the November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014 and February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015 minutes. With thanks to Bill Penner and volunteer membership who created last month's minutes.

**Board of Directors' vote:**

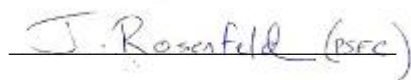
Board members Joe Holtz (ex-officio), Imani Q'ryn, Eunju Lee, Monique Bowen, Zoey Laksaris, and Bill Penner were present for the vote.

The Board voted 6 – 0 in favor of accepting the minutes.  
The Board voted 6 – 0 to accept membership advice on agenda item #2  
The Board voted 6 – 0 to accept membership advice on agenda item #3

Bill Penner comments on Allen, Maribeth, and Zoey retiring

**Wrap up**

Still looking for new members of the Chair Committee.  
Surveys in back  
Rideshare announcements.  
Meeting adjourned at 9:17



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