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I held back my comments for 15 with respect to the rules changes so y'all could get to closed session more quickly. I'll probably make them at the next meeting, but as you'll be sending suggestions to counsel, I figured I'd send them along...

Changes basically look fantastic, even though I have a quibble. I hope that CAC as it updates its rules will adopt similar provisions.

What's my quibble? "sacking" CAC members without cause. Or any other committee member. I fear you might lose the forthright and heterogeneous statement of opinions from some members if they fear being ousted. Me, well, you'll have to deal with my opinions. I pretty much don't know how not to say what I'm thinking ;-> And, I'm fairly comfortable that y'all will hear it with good graces, as you have so far, as long as I'm civil and respectful. Second concern about this: I worry you'll set yourselves up for a raft of bad PR if you do toss a CAC member without cause. But, that's up to y'all ...

As for what's good/great ... Ditching Robert's Rules, Renaming CAC!, Comms with public, Electronic comms!

Robert's rules are crufty and just ... burdensome and mostly without benefit.

At first renaming the CAC had me perplexed. Until I heard the explanation. Very thoughtful and inclusive of y'all. Nice!

I really liked the call out on being clear when speaking in public, that unless you are designated to speak for the TA, that members always clearly state they speak only for themselves. Folks will simply assume you speak for TA unless you clearly say you do not. Heck, they may well think you are speaking for TA even when you do say you are not. Not much to be done about that, at least you did what you could.

The section on electronic comms was thoughtful and thorough. It even considered how toxic and potentially non transparent in meeting electronic communications would be. As a geek ... Nice!

Thanks as always for listening,

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