

LAW, RULES & ETHICS COMMITTEE
Minutes January 8, 2018
Board Office

**Present: Martin Wolpoff, Chair, Herb Young, Vice-Chair, Rosemary Ginty (Ex-Officio),
Sylvia Alexander**

**Absent: Irving Ladimer, Charles Moerdler, Dan Padernacht, Diego Santiago, I.W. Stone,
Mary Yamagata**

Meeting called to order at 7:10 PM

1. Approval of minutes for June, September and November
 - A. This is the third consecutive meeting at which there was no quorum present
 - B. Chair wrote to all committee members advising of the need to attend meetings or resign from the committee.
 - C. Chairman will confer with Board chair concerning removal of committee members who have missed three consecutive meetings.

2. Discussion of City Council legislative spread sheet
 - A. Ms. Ginty distributed December 2017 spreadsheet. She noted that unique to the NYC City Council, the Council calendar exists for only four years. At the end of the fourth year (2017), the calendar is dissolved and any items that have not been enacted are dropped. In January 2018, Councilmembers are free to reintroduce items or introduce new ones.

3. Discussion of COIB findings
 - A. Chairman distributed copies of latest dispositions from the NYC Conflict of Interest Board. Committee reviewed items.

4. Changes to "Ethical Guidelines Manual"
 - A. Chairman reported that full board approved the two changes to the EGM related to the nominations process.

5. New Item
 - A. Chairman reported on a misunderstanding of the bylaws expressed by one committee chair. It is the intent of the Chair to raise this issue at the next executive board meeting. He also distributed copies of the two sections of the bylaws that were misunderstood. In sum, only the Board chair can remove board members from a committee following a discussion with a committee chair. In addition, aside from missing three consecutive meetings, a Board member for whom committee removal is "for cause," such member is entitled to due process, which includes notification and the right to a defense.

6. Next meeting
 - A. The next meeting will take place on March 12, 2018