

FFCI Special Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 11, 2023, 11:30 a.m.
Pizza Ranch, Ames Iowa

President Sedahlia Crase called the special meeting to order at 11:30. 21 FFCI members were present. Crase explained that the Board passed a motion at its March 11, 2023 to change the ByLaws as follows:

A Byg **made a motion** to change the wording from "...no later than October 15" to "...no later than November 15" in Article VIII, Sections 1 and 2, and that this be voted on at the May 11 LEO. Epplin **seconded. Motion carried.**

The FFCI membership received an email with the motion and description 30 days prior to this meeting.

Crase also emailed a document to the FFCI membership explaining the reason for the motion. The document contained the following information:

Why does the board want to change the date limit?

Oftentimes it is difficult to find a date before October 15 when we can meet due to various things that need to precede the meeting or that interfere with a deadline as early as October 15, such as:

- a) The Nominating Committee finding a slate of officers to present so early in the year with a short time between summer activities, including inbounds and outbounds, as well as summer and autumn vacations of our membership and the pre-October 15 annual meeting.*
- b) An October 15 or earlier annual meeting leaves over 1/5 of our January to December year that has not yet happened, so an annual report presented at the annual meeting will exclude more than 1/5 of the year and is not included in the next annual report.*
- c) The FFI World Conference, in the years they are held, are usually in early October; this year, for example, the conference is October 2-5 in Dubrovnik, Croatia and both pre- and post-conference tours and home stays are encouraged, thus allowing no time in October for the annual meeting.*
- d) FFCI is hosting the Long Island FF August 14-19, we have an outbound journey to Missoula, MT September 11-19, and one of our board members leaves three days later for a preconference tour related to the FFI World Conference (see above) and afterward will be a part of a post-conference tour, finishing in the World Conference city on October 16.*

Crase **made a Board motion** to change the wording from "...no later than October 15" to "...no later than November 15" in Article VIII, Sections 1 and 2, of the FFCI ByLaws. **No second needed. Motion carried unanimously.**

The meeting adjourned.

Margaret Epplin, Secretary