



MINUTES

Nominations & Elections Committee Regular Meeting

Monday, July 19, 2021
1:30pm MST – Zoom Meeting

Committee Approved – September 20, 2021

Attendees: Mark McIntosh (Chair), Christine Gallegos, Marilyn Luehrmann, Arthur Mournian, Scott Somers (CEO), Marie Seixas (Meeting Scribe)

Absent: David Messick

Visitors: 5

Call to Order - Chair Mark McIntosh called the meeting to order at 1:33pm MST. Roll was called and a quorum established.

The committee reviewed the Post-Election Wrap-Up topics which were developed as a result of the 2020-2021 N&E Committee's meeting with CEO Somers and Jen Morningstar which was held in April of this year.

- 1. Paper or electronic ballot choices are confusing. Assuming GVR will continue with electronic ballots.*

Lengthy discussion of going totally electronic. Wanting as many as possible to vote would mean having to make accommodations for those not computer savvy. It was suggested to survey similar organizations to see if they still use paper ballots. It was requested that staff research this and get back to the committee with their findings. With proper planning and enough notice, paper ballots should be eliminated. It was determined that Chair McIntosh should present this committee's opinion regarding electronic balloting to the Board of Directors for their decision.

- 2. When two or more votes are cast, all are voided.*

Committee discussion. It is in the Bylaws that if two or more votes are cast for the same rooftop, all votes from that rooftop are considered void. This is not a common occurrence, but electronic balloting would eliminate this problem, making the ruling moot and require only cleanup of the Bylaws at a later date.

- 3. Process for write-in candidates seems unequitable since process for write-ins and those that make the deadline is significantly different: signature requirements, questionnaire, etc.*

In discussion, the committee feels that write-in candidates should be eliminated entirely. All candidates have equal opportunity to do the work to get an application in on time. It is needed to check with Arizona statutes. CEO Somers will contact GVR Attorney, Wendy Erlich, to look into this.

- 4. Committee having the option to choose the slate of candidates creates an optics issue.*

There was no further discussion on this topic.

- 5. Committee determination of eligibility doesn't occur in practice and shouldn't due to optics.*

In discussion, the committee feels that they did a good job last year in getting the word out and organizing the elections process but have an even better understanding now, going forward.

- 6. Committee Chair and Chair appointment of members creates an optics issue.*

The committee disagreed with suggestions to amend this process.

- 7. Forums are poorly attended.*

In discussion, the committee is concerned about starting advertising of forums too early. Discussion that food is usually a draw for attendance and would need to decide best times for events, morning vs. evening and/or both.

- 8. Electronic balloting company located too far away from Green Valley.*

Discussion concluded that distance was not a problem but, will explore other options. Also questioned whether it would be cheaper if all ballots were electronic vs. sending out and receiving/recording paper ballots in addition to electronic voting. This will be discussed with the company providing service.

- 9. Communication & transparency.*

Discussion regarding all meetings being open to the general membership. Committee agreed that they should be open. Last year only one meeting was closed for the development of the candidate questionnaire questions.

Committee discussed the proper handling of new situations when/if they arise. Lengthy discussion of commitment to Code of Conduct in regard to Board candidates.

** Arthur Mournian left the meeting at 2:45pm. Requested that a copy of the questions be emailed to him.

Discussion continued regarding Code of Conduct.

Member Comments – addressed during meeting

Chair McIntosh declared the meeting adjourned at 2:52pm MST.