



## MINUTES

### **Nominations & Elections Committee**

Monday, March 20, 2023, 1:30pm  
WC Room 2 / Zoom

**Attendees:** Beth Dingman (Chair), Regina Ford, Marilyn Luehrmann, Arthur Mournian, Lou Sampson, Gail Vanderhoof, Nanci Moyo (Liaison)

Absent: Gail Ault

**Visitors:** 2

- 1. Call to Order/ Roll Call – Quorum:** Chair Dingman called the meeting to order at 1:32pm MST. A quorum of committee members present.
- 2. Approve Meeting Minutes: February 13, 2023**  
**MOTION: Mournian moved / Vanderhoof seconded to approve the Minutes of February 13, 2023.**  
**Passed: unanimous**
- 3. Chair Comments**
  - Encouraged current N&E Committee members to apply to be on the N&E Committee for the 2023/24 year.
  - Work is being done on the Year-End Report. The N&E accomplished a lot this year and the committee worked well together. The Year-End report will be on the April Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors.
  - The Committee was thanked for the strides made this year and all the good work that was done.
- 4. Business**
  - a. Review of N&E 2022/2023
    - **Candidate Orientation**
      - Successful Candidate Orientation
      - Good tool to use for the Candidates to be introduced to each other
      - Good information was provided to the candidates on how the Board works, time it takes, and navigating the website for important information.
      - Friendly group and positive
    - **Forums**
      - Candidate Eric Sullwold sent a letter with suggestions for the Forums in the future: 1) Each candidate gives an opening statement for no more than two minutes, 2) Allow candidates to answer all questions asked, 3) Allow each candidate to give a closing statement.
      - Forums were well run. The first forum had around 30 in attendance.

- The second forum had 78 in attendance.
- Moderator asks the first question of the candidates before the audience asks questions.
- Audience questions are telling and unknown to the candidates causing the candidates to think on their feet vs. knowing what questions may be asked.
- Good to have on Zoom. People could watch live or later from the website.
- Best to hold both the forums before the voting begins.
- **One-on-One Interview**
  - Candidates need to be asked more difficult questions or allow Moderator to ask additional questions for the candidate to expound.
  - Avoid yes and no questions.
  - Allow wild card questions to have the candidates think on their feet.
  - This year was too scripted and all candidates were asked the same questions during the interviews.
  - Committee outline major issues for the candidates to research but do not give specific questions ahead of time. Ie: Finances, facilities and expansions.
  - The GVR community has given positive feedback for having the interviews on the GVR website.
  - The Committee appreciates all the voting information that has been in the eBlasts and GVRNow.
- **Election Timeline**
  - Allow members to request a paper ballot before voting begins by including an announcement in the dues notice mailing sent the first of December. The paper ballots could be mailed out right when voting begins to allow people more time to mail back the paper ballots. The cut off for requesting paper ballots could be 5 business days before voting begins. Another idea is to print the telephone number for a paper ballot in the eBlast/GVRNow and put it on the TV screens in centers.
  - In an email to the candidates running include the responsibilities for the first Special Meeting often held right after the Annual Meeting when Board Officers are voted on.
  - Chair Dingman will email the candidates to attend the March 22, Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors as an opportunity to watch and learn from how the Board functions.
- **Voting Help at Kiosk**
  - Four N&E Volunteers helped any voters who came into one of the four major centers. The total number of voters helped to vote at the kiosks were six.

**b. Suggestions for N&E 2023/2024**

- Suggestions have been made above for earlier requests for paper ballots, forum changes, interview questions.
- Staff will talk to Vote-Now.com about being able to request paper ballots earlier and get back to N&E with an answer.

**c. Annual Meeting Volunteers for Promoting Committee Participation**

- Gail Ault and Lou Sampson have volunteered to be at the Committee table to seek members interested in being part of a Committee.

Arthur Mournian asked the N&E Committee to send a letter to the editor encouraging people to vote for the GVR Board of Directors and complete a ballot. The N&E Committee helped edit his letter and then he sent it to GV News from the GVR Nominations and Elections Committee.

**5. Member Comments:** 1 comments

Director Boyett gave kudos to the N&E Committee for having good communications within the committee and for the tremendous job this year in moving this committee forward.

**6. Adjournment**

**MOTION: Sampson moved / Vanderhoof seconded to adjourn the meeting at 2:59pm MST.**

**Passed: unanimous**

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, May 11, 2023, WC Room 2 / Zoom, 10:30-12pm