

ELECTION COMMITTEE MINUTES
May 13, 2014
10 AM
Community Center Conference Room

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Kathie Graham at 10:05 am. Present members were: Joe Loewy, Elizabeth Ebner, Jean Crawford and Mary Cassidy. Also present were Jan Pietrzak, Guest, Todd Handy, Acting Board Liaison, Carol Lachman, Prospective Member.

2. Approval of Minutes

Joe Loewy moved for approval of the Minutes from the April 8, 2014 meeting, seconded by Mary Cassidy. Minutes approved by all members present.

3. Approval of Agenda

Amended to read:

- A. Clarify Definitions
- B. Critique of May, 2014 Election Process
- C. Policies and Procedures review/critique
- D. Role of alternate
- E. Establish Vice Chair Duties

Elizabeth Ebner moved to approve Agenda, seconded by Mary Cassidy. Agenda approved by all members present.

4. Open Forum

Nothing

5. Board Liaison Report by Todd Handy

- A. Board Officers have been selected.
- B. Post Election dialogue included: (1) a challenge being made to the 3-2- 1 year staggered terms in a document sent to Dag Ryen, Board President and (2) the transparency of the Ballot envelopes.

6. Old Business

None

7. New Business

A. Clarify Definitions

- 1. By Laws: Date of Record is set by the Board.

2. Nomination Petition

- 1. "Member in Good Standing" shall be defined as a lot owner whose assessments for the current year are paid in full and eligible to vote as of March 1 or the 1st Monday thereafter for the Date of Record for this election.

- 2. Petitioner criteria will refer to signer as "petition signer" throughout.

- 3. Petition signer must eligible to vote, as well as in good standing.

- 4. Charter will be revised to reflect changes made to Policies and Procedures

B. Critique of Election Process

- 1. Reflected in A and C.

- 2. Draft an article for January Vistas which will make clear the qualifications for candidates, for petition signers and for voting in the election.

- 3. Discussion of locked mailboxes. One for USPS is to be installed. An additional locked mailbox should be installed for ECIA drop –off items

- 4. Add to Policies and Procedures:

- a. Late ballots should be opened, each piece date stamped and initialed by EC members.

Ballots should then be reassembled, banded and saved with all other ballots.

b. Ballot tallying instructions should be amended to include the instruction that each ballot should be marked by the teller with its stack number instead of a checkmark.

5. Copies of election documents and accompanying Annual Report should be saved in an Archive folder

6. There was discussion of whether to allow observers seated in the Living Room to view the election counting via closed circuit TV. It was proposed that no videotaping or audiotaping be allowed. Committee members agreed to revisit these considerations at a later date.

C. Policies and Procedures critique/review

This is a work in progress, to be continued at the next few committee meetings.

D. Role of alternate. Consideration was made to allow Alternate to have voting privileges if there is not a quorum of voting members. Discussion to continue.

E. Establish Vice Chair Duties. To be addressed at next committee meeting.

8. Adjournment

1. Elections Committee will open late ballots today following the meeting to insure no other communications were included by lot owners. There were 18 ballots processed.

2. Interviews for new member(s) will be at the next meeting

3. Next meeting scheduled for June 18th: 10am interviews, 10:30 regular meeting.

4. Call for adjournment made by Kathie Graham, Chair, at 12:13pm. So moved by Mary Cassidy, seconded by Joe Loewy, approved by all members present.

Respectfully submitted by,
Elizabeth Ebner, Secretary