

Minutes of the Meeting of the

ECIA Election Committee

Held on August 11, 2021

1. Time, Place and Attendees. A meeting of the ECIA Election Committee (“EC”) was held on August 11, 2021. The meeting held was in hybrid mode where some were in attendance in person and others via ZOOM on the OWL system. Specifically, committee members, Bette Knight, Mary Cassidy, Kathie Graham and Butch Gorsuch were in attendance in the ECIA Conference Room. EC member Jody Price was excused. Jon Turkle (Board Liaison) also attended in the Conference Room. Jim Caruso (alternate liaison) and Jeff Haught attended via Zoom. Ciara Walsh was the ECIA Staff representative and Zoom administrator. Meeting was recorded by ECIA Staff. Quorum was achieved.
2. Approval of Previous Minutes. Butch reported previous minutes were unanimously approved via email on May 24, 2021 and were posted to the website on the same day.
3. Approval of Agenda. Amendments were suggested to: (1) correct date listed on Agenda from June 9th to August 11th and (2) add item 7c under New Business to review validity issues regarding Quorum Proxy Statements. Mary moved to accepted agenda as amended. Kathie seconded. Motion passed via voice vote 4-0.
4. Open Forum. No attendees of the meeting asked to speak to the Committee in Open Forum.
5. Board Liaison Report. Jon reported Board will not meet in August, whereas next meeting will be September 21st. Board meetings will be held on the third Tuesday of the month.
6. Old Business. No items for discussion under Old Business.
7. New Business.
 - a. Review Election Procedures

Bette led discussions regarding potential changes to ECIA Election Procedures. Specifically the following changes have been suggested to date:

- Correct reference of Invalid Ballot (Glossary) from 9.5 to 9.7.2.
- Delete sentence referencing “Final acceptance...” as the nomination petition is not finally accepted until signatories are confirmed later in the process.
- Secured location clarified in Item (1) under section 6.2.
- Add new line in section 6.2 documenting EC representatives making a preliminary decision as to whether the Petition meets documented submission requirements.

- Make observance of signatory confirmation by EC representative mandatory (“may” changed to “shall”).

Committee will resume review of Election Procedures at next meeting starting at Section 7.

a. Update Nomination Petition

Note: Two different documents were reviewed.

First Document: In general, an updated version of the 2021 NP provided by Bette was reviewed. Two suggestions were made to this document to add language to the bottom of the last page such that (a) language to be added that a signature is required or the NP will be deemed invalid and (b) language to be added the NP will be deemed invalid if not submitted according to the documented procedure (see below).

Second Document: Mary has proposed a significant rewrite of the Instruction section of the NP (first two pages). Committee discussion was favorable as the rewrite appears to be clearer and more concise, hopefully reducing the risk of future submission errors.

Rewrite requires further discussion.

a. Validity issues regarding Quorum Proxy Statements

Committee briefly discussed the topic of what constitutes a valid Quorum Proxy Statement. Butch asked the question “What are we trying to fix?” Butch also listed requirements made by other organizations (from HOA to others) that require anything from a signature to a signature, address, date, printed name. Mary noted that since signatures cannot be validated and that the date and purpose of the proxy is printed on the QPS, we should consider only printed name as required.

More discussion required.

8. Adjournment.

Meeting adjourned at 5:02pm.

The next regularly scheduled monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 8, 2021, 3:00 P.M. via Zoom or at Community Center.

For the ECIA Election Committee

By: _____/s/_____ _8/13/2021

Secretary Butch Gorsuch

Date