

**Minutes of the Meeting of the ECIA
Election Committee
Held on November 10, 2021**

1. Time, Place and Attendees. A meeting of the ECIA Election Committee (“EC”) was held on November 10, 2021. Meeting called to order at 3:07 PM. 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, Jody Price, Kathie Graham, and Butch Gorsuch were in attendance in the ECIA Conference Room. EC member Mary Cassidy was excused. Jon Turkle (Board Liaison) was in attendance 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 3-0 via email on October 28, 2021 and were posted to the website on the same day.
3. Approval of Agenda. An amendment was requested by Jody Price to add agenda item 7a (Appointed Directors and their terms under New Business). Item topic was a feedback request from the Election Committee regarding a Bylaws amendment proposal to have appointed directors with more than one year remaining on their appointed term be subject to a confirmation vote on the next election cycle. Motion moved by Jody and seconded by Kathie. Motion to amend agenda passed 4-0 via voice vote.
4. Open Forum. No attendees of the meeting asked to speak to the Committee in Open Forum.
5. Board Liaison Report. Board Liaison Jon Turkle presented the following report from the Board
 - a) Board is considering cancelling the December 2021 regular meeting.
 - b) The Nomination Petition has been added to the November 2021 Board meeting for their review and approval
 - c) A recent Town Hall meeting was held to introduce a preliminary 2022 ECIA Budget to the Membership. Budget is schedule for review / approval at the next regular meeting (November).
6. Old Business.
 - a) Nomination Petition to Board- motion: Bette requested the committee formally approve the Nomination Petition as a minor change had been made to the form since being submitted to the Board for their review. Prior approvals on the recent changes were via email. Butch moved that the most recent version of the Petition which has been submitted to ECIA GM and our Board Liaison be approved by the committee. Jody seconded. Motion passed 4-0 via voice vote.
 - b) Review Election Procedures- feedback on Retention Policy: Bette led a final review of the proposed Election Procedures (version 5.4). After review, Jody moved to forward the Election Procedures to Board for January review and approval. Butch seconded. Motion passed 4-0 via voice vote. Butch to create marked up and clean copy of the procedures for the Board’s review.
 - c) Election Checklist: Bette led the committee through the most recent updates to the checklist.
 - d) Publicity Schedule: Bette led the committee through status of the 2022 Election publicity schedule.
7. New Business
 - a) Bylaws Committee – Appointed Director voting request and terms: Jody shared a proposal being considered by the Bylaws Committee, who in turn asked for input from the Election Committee.

The proposal is to require any appointed Director to undergo a confirmation vote within the next election cycle if the unexpired portion of the term is greater than one year. This election would be separate to the normal annual election of Directors and would simply be a Yes or No vote on retention of the appointed Director for whatever portion remains of the unexpired term.

Election Committee discussed the following points concerning the proposal before the Bylaws Committee:

- Several members agreed the proposal has merit for consideration.
- There are logistical timing issues regarding holding confirmation election subject to all the events which occur to put the confirmation on a ballot (ballot modification, printing, mailing, potential forums, notification to the Membership, etc.).
- What obligations or rights does an appointed director have to any forums or publicity to the Membership.
- Appointed directors go through a rigorous interview process which is open to the Membership and being subjected to a confirmation vote may cause loss of some potential candidates volunteering for appointments.
- ECIA is not a public organization but a non-profit Corporation.
- It was noted this proposal was also presented to the 2019 Bylaws Committee, and a summary of the 2019 deliberations is available to the 2021 Committee if they so wish to review.

Bette introduced a non-agenda item of whether to hold the December 8th regular monthly meeting. After discussion by the committee, it was agreed there was little activity scheduled for the next month. Butch motioned to cancel the December 8th regular monthly meeting. Kathie seconded. Passed by voice vote 4-0. Committee to reconvene in January.

The next regularly scheduled monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 12, 2022, 3:00 P.M. via Zoom or at Community Center.

8. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 PM.

For the ECIA Election Committee

By: /s/ 11/17/2021
Secretary Butch Gorsuch Date