

**Minutes of the Meeting of the ECIA
Election Committee
Held on October 11, 2023**

1. Time, Place and Attendees. A meeting of the ECIA Election Committee (“EC”) was held on October 11, 2023. Meeting called to order at 2:03 PM. The meeting was held in person and via Zoom. EC members Bette Knight, Mary Cassidy, Anne Salzmänn, and Butch Gorsuch attended physically. EC member Jody Price was excused. Carol Sanguinetti attended as Board liaison via Zoom. Paola Arteaga from ECIA staff performed administrative services for Zoom and recorded the meeting. Quorum was achieved.
2. Approval of Previous Minutes. Butch reported the previous minutes (from August 30th) were approved via email by 3-0 vote on September 16th, 2023. Minutes were confirmed to be posted to the website by ECIA Staff Ciara Walsh on September 18th, 2023.
3. Approval of Agenda. Mary moved to approve the meeting agenda as posted. Butch seconded. Motion to approve agenda as posted passed via voice vote 4-0.
4. Open Forum. No input to the committee via Open Forum.
5. Board Liaison Report.

Carol reported the Board is looking at setting up volunteer appreciation the first week of December. The Board wishes to include all volunteers whether they may be on a committee or not. Anne has suggestions for several non-committee volunteers and will send the names to Carol via email.

ECIA Town Halls have been or will be soon set up for Finance Committee (Budget – October 24th), Architecture and Bylaws.
6. Old Business.
 - a. Review Nomination Petition – The committee did a final review of the Nomination Petition. No changes suggested. Mary moved to approve draft and send to the Board for approval. Anne seconded. Motion to approve draft and send to the Board passed via voice vote 4-0. Butch finalized the draft and sent the document to Julie Navarro and Ciara Walsh to be presented to the Board during its October regular meeting.
7. New Business.
 - a. Bylaws Review Update – Bette reported she attended the previous Bylaws Committee review and reported they are considering several changes which may affect elections within ECIA:
 - i. They discussed why it’s easier to be appointed than elected to the Board of Directors, and that maybe it should be more of an equal effort (to be appointed as compared to be elected). (Note: It was pointed out in the EC meeting that

this is true, as it is with any appointment to any elected office at any level within the nation.)

- ii. They are considering changing the Bylaws so those appointed to the Board would serve only until the next election, whereupon they would need to run for the position on the Board. (Note: It is not known if this would be a special confirmation election, a special runoff election for that specific Board seat, or would the seat be thrown into the general Board election. EC members also discussed this proposed change could throw the Board election cycle (2-3-2) into disarray, and this may cause additional hardship on Directors rerunning for their positions by requiring them to run for the position into two successive years.
- iii. The Bylaws Committee also looking at possible changes to Article V and VII, which are related to the election rotation and appointment process.

- b. Charter Review – EC reviewed the existing charter and made several word smithing changes. Upon completion of the review, the committee felt the totality of the changes did not warrant resubmission to the Board for approval.
- c. Election Checklist – Bette reported she has started the process of establishing the checklist for 2024. Butch established new 2024 folders for “Election Events”, “Agenda”, and “Minutes”, and moved 2024 election documents (including the checklist) into the 2024 subfolder. Bette has started to populate the checklist with new appropriate dates. Bette has also started to update Publicity articles and will speak with ECIA staff about the possibility of using ECIA Facebook resources.

8. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 3:22 PM.

The next regularly scheduled monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 8, 2023, 2:00 P.M. via Zoom and at Community Center.

For the ECIA Election Committee

By: /s/
Secretary Butch Gorsuch

10/12/2023
Date