

To: GVR Board  
From: Mark Kelley  
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RE: GVR Elections "Audit"

### Background

As the creation of an elected board is a critical component in the governance of GVR, it seems essential to have the best policies and procedures in place to reasonably assure that members' voices are heard and represented by their elected board members.

It is my understanding that there have been issues, anomalies and exception processing in at least the past two election seasons. Many of the issues seem to center around the use of electronic voting as the primary means of casting votes. This seems to be a cost effective means of voting and tabulation. However, it has an inherent bias toward the computer savvy member, who are likely younger and more affluent than some members. This bias *could* affect the outcome of the voting. When incorrect cutoff instructions are provided, it further questions the validity of voting results. While the availability of online voting assistance at key rec centers may help, it does not provide complete remedy to a potential problem.

Notification of the beginning of the voting process also seems to be varied and inconsistent. I personally experienced an issue in voting on multiple GVR properties. Some members received email notification of the "voting code" while others received the code in the US mail.

Several members have questioned the propriety of having a candidate related to a Board member. While it has been determined to be allowed under the current CPM, the ethics of such a situation warrants examination.

In addition to the elections & voting issues, there was an issue with respect to the candidates added by petition. The CPM delineates the roles, duties and responsibilities of the N&E committee. In Sec VI, Subsection 4, 5(b)1(d) states that the "...names of candidates submitted by nomination petition to the Secretary, within the deadline (sixty (60) days prior to the annual meeting), if any, and determine the qualifications and eligibility of same., prospective candidates who have petitioned to be added to the ballot." As Secretary during that time period, I can state that this process did not occur.

### Action Requested

The Board shall direct the CEO to conduct a thorough examination of the Nomination & Election process and make recommendations for the improvement of the process. This may require the use of an external party. It could be a component of the strategic planning process or a separate activity as determined by the CEO. In addition, the CPM shall be thoroughly review by BAC with recommended changes presented to the board prior to the beginning of the next election cycle.