



## POST ELECTION WRAP-UP 2020-21 NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

1. Paper or electronic ballot choices are confusing. Assuming GVR will continue with electronic ballots:
  - Include option to request paper ballot in dues billing and on website. (237 requested in 2021) – committee liked
  - Update and clarify language on Annual meeting notice mailed to members. – committee liked
  - Have paper ballots available at GVR and provide voter code for paper ballot. – committee did not like
  - Committee would like to have further research and discussion on eliminating paper ballots
    - Takes away elimination of all votes when multiple votes are cast
    - Electronic balloting company located far away causing a perception that paper ballots are slowed.
    - Election timeline is currently too long (partly to accommodate paper ballots?)
    - The whole process of obtaining paper ballots which generates a multitude of complaints.
    - Survey similar organizations to see if they still use paper ballots
    - There is probably a misconception that GV people don't know how to use a computer. The population tends to be educated people who worked in professional positions.
    - There are multiple ways to accommodate someone that does not have a computer or smart phone
  
2. When two or more votes are cast, all are voided.
  - Consider first vote cast only; disregard second or subsequent votes cast.
    - Requires bylaws change. – huge outreach necessary
    - Research all members voting vs all households
    - GVR membership is like owning stock. Regardless of the number of people who own the share of stock, there is only one vote attached to that share.
  
3. Process for write-in candidates seems inequitable since process for write-ins and those that make the deadline is significantly different: signature requirements, questionnaire, etc.
  - Consider changes that create equity including use of same forms.
    - Requires bylaws change.
  - We should research elimination of write-in candidates
    - Eliminates the perceived "unfair advantage" of some candidates
    - Potentially reduces the election time-line
    - Eliminates the need for two sets of interview questions (and perceived in-equity)
    - Eliminates the "second chance to get our candidate" syndrome
    - Staff hours spent vetting the signatures can be used for other activities such as helping people without a computer to be able to vote.
    - Since N&E no longer selects a slate, and moves all candidates forward, there should be no need for a write-in provision
  
4. Committee having the option to choose the slate of candidates creates an optics issue.
  - Committee only recognizes the slate, but doesn't or shouldn't choose the slate.
    - Would require Bylaws change to remove this ability.



5. Committee determination of eligibility doesn't occur in practice and shouldn't, due to optics.
  - Review Committee purpose, functions, duties to reflect actual and necessary duties. – committee has tried to organize meetings and exposure for candidates
    - Update CPM to reflect actual practice.
6. Committee chair and chair appointment of members creates an optics issue.
  - Amend process to require Board approval of committee members. – committee disagrees
  - Committee members could choose their chair. – committee disagrees
  - A Board member shouldn't sit on the Committee due to optics of potential conflicts of interest. – committee disagrees
    - Requires bylaws change.
7. Forums are poorly attended.
  - Consider beginning earlier in election process. – we worry about starting too early. Events should be planned in the fall and notice given to all involved.
  - Consider serving food. Open format seems popular, combine a couple of daytime coffee and donuts with an evening with wine and cheese. GVR has paid for lunches/dinners before, the setup cost would likely approach the food costs.
8. Electronic balloting company located too far away from Green Valley. – Distance is not the problem. Company performance is.
  - Problem with paper ballot timeline may be resolved. – make sure company understands requirements for performance.
  - Research other options. – always a good idea to shop for value versus price only
    - Proximity should not matter
    - Check with other organizations, who are they using? Overall satisfaction?
9. Communication & transparency. – ALL meetings except legal/personnel should be open
  - Election results should be posted on website once preliminary results are available or risk results being posted early by media. – good idea
  - Post number of votes cast and paper ballots requested during election. – good, emphasize GVR is moving away from paper.
10. It is also vitally important to thoroughly think through all the possible scenarios when a decision is made. I feel that the N&E Committee was rushed into a decision when the candidate list was pared from 18 to 9 and we didn't think it out. We encountered a never before seen situation, and had only a day to decide what to do.