

Elections Committee Minutes
Tuesday, March 12, 2019
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Meadow Conference Room

Attendees:

Committee Members: Bette Rohrback, Nan Carnal, Maureen Warmerdam, Karolyn Gander
Staff Liaisons: Lindsay Hogan
Guests: Benjamin Levine

Member Comments - No comments

Approve minutes of March 5, 2019 meeting - Minutes approved

Fair Campaign Guidelines Discussion/Revision

The committee combined the input from the March 5 meeting and the additional input from Jennifer Jennings and Rob McCray as well as Nan's paragraph one suggestions to revise the Fair Campaign Guidelines document. This document and a memo discussing the rationale for the revisions will be presented at the April 23, 2019 board meeting.

Review/Update/Approve 2019 Candidate Packet ready for distribution March 29, 2019

The 2019 Candidate Packet was reviewed. Minor updates were completed during the review. The committee approved the packet with the changes. It will be emailed to the committee for one final review prior to being finalized for distribution.

Review/Update/ Finalize Marketing Plan for Board Approval at March 23rd meeting

Lindsay presented the Marketing Plan to the committee. Based on feedback at the meeting, Lindsay will update the document and send out for review.

Pending Suspensions as of March 1 statements

The committee had recommended that affected members be notified in March and in April of impending suspension of rights in an effort to decrease the number of members disqualified from voting and thereby potentially increase voter turnout. Staff informed the committee of the cost (certified mail at a cost of \$6.95 per letter) and increased staff time. Based on this feedback from staff, the committee made the decision NOT to send notices of pending suspension of membership rights with the March statements. E-mail notifications will continue, and those members with outstanding accounts will receive a certified letter (in April) informing them of their status and the opportunity to request a hearing before the board before the suspension takes effect on May 1. Because the March 1 notification is in the board approved 2019 election procedures, Bette drafted a memo to the board explaining this amendment. The same memo to the board also includes an amendment concerning the use of a photo ID vs. government ID to prove TD member eligibility to vote in person at the June Board meeting.

Candidate's Night Forum questions and electronic meet and greet?

The committee decided to provide the candidates with broad subject areas for questions to be asked at the Candidates' Night Forum and include example questions submitted by TD members. This information will be give to the candidates on May 20, giving them five days to prepare for Candidates' Night. While electronic meet and greets are a good idea, the committee decided the calendar of events for the 2019 election was already demanding and agreed to revisit this idea when planning future board elections.

Next Meeting - Tuesday, April 9, 2019, 1:00 - 3:30 PM, Mezzanine Conference Room