

Memorandum

To: Board of Directors
From: Elections Committee
RE: REQUESTED UPDATES/CORRECTIONS TO ELECTION PROCEDURES

March 15, 2019

At the February 23, 2019 meeting the Board approved the 2019 Election Procedures as submitted by the Elections Committee.

Since that date, two questions re: The Procedures have been brought to the committee.

The first was raised by staff. In the past, members who were in danger of having their voting rights suspended as a result of not being in compliance with various fees or corrective actions were notified with their April statement of account that they were in jeopardy of having membership rights (including voting rights) suspended effective on the record date of the election (usually around May 1), if their account was not current by that time. This year, the committee 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 thereby increasing voter turnout.

Before the statements were mailed in March staff notified us that sending notices of impending suspension of member rights is a very costly and labor-intensive undertaking. Letters must be sent by certified mail at a cost of \$6.95 per letter. It was further noted that these notices tend to result in very unhappy members and significant increased staff time to respond to questions/complaints. In addition, probably due to a new practice of advising delinquent members via e-mail of pending suspension, the number of members in jeopardy at this time is 249, a dramatic reduction from recent years where the number was closer to 500. Based on this feedback from staff, the committee made the decision NOT to send notice of pending suspension of membership rights with the March statements. E-mail notifications will continue, and those members with outstanding accounts will receive the certified letter informing them of their status and the opportunity to request a hearing before the board before the suspension takes effect on May 1.

The second question was raised by the Inspector of Election. He noted that the Election Procedures required that members wishing to vote in person at either the open board meeting on June 21st or the annual membership meeting on June 23 must present a government ID to prove eligibility. While this has been standard language in the Election Procedures in the recent past, in practice the Inspector of Election has also accepted a Tahoe Donner photo ID as proof of eligibility. Voting requirements in the Notice of Annual Meeting speak only to a photo ID. Brent advises that using the TD photo ID does not violate Davis-Stirling.

ACTION REQUESTED:

- Approve changes to the Elections Procedures as highlighted in the attached document. Specifically
- Delete March 1 entry

- April 1 - insert language from March 1, substituting April 1 for March 1 statement of account
- June 21 - Revise language to say a photo ID, not a Government ID is required to submit a ballot in person
- June 23 - same as June 21.