



STAFF REPORT: GENERAL SESSION

DATE: April 28, 2023

TITLE: 2023 Board of Directors Election by Acclamation

RECOMMENDATION:

By motion, elect Courtney Murrell and Stephen Mahoney by acclamation.

Staff report and recommendation has been reviewed by the Inspector of Elections for Tahoe Donner Association.

BACKGROUND:

For the 2023 Tahoe Donner Association (TDA) election, there are two Board seats up for election. Both seats are three-year terms. The two seats up for election are currently held by Stephen Mahoney and Courtney Murrell.

The deadline for candidates to submit their application to be placed on the 2023 Tahoe Donner Board of Directors ballot was April 20, 2023, at 10AM. Information and opportunity on running for the Board have been provided to the membership through a number of channels including issues of *Tahoe Donner News*, weekly eblasts, dedicated emails and webpage resources.

ANALYSIS:

Notice of the election and procedures has been duly given to the membership, instructing that 10AM on April 20 was the deadline to submit applications for the two open seats. The prescribed deadline passed, and only two applications were submitted by Stephen Mahoney and Courtney Murrell. As no write-ins are allowed in the voting process, it is recommended that Stephen Mahoney and Courtney Murrell be elected by acclamation.

Since Stephen Mahoney and Courtney Murrell are the two candidates, it is recommended they both abstain from the election vote as directors. In doing so, the vote must reach a 3-0 approval; a 2-1 vote is not a majority of the Board.

If the vote fails, TDA would proceed with the election following its normal procedures. It is important to note that no other candidates may participate in the 2023 election now that the application window has closed.

FISCAL IMPACT:

If the Board were to choose to move forward with a written ballot election consistent with TDA's governing documents, the estimated expense would range from approximately \$38,000 to \$50,000. This expense would include printing, mailing and accounting service costs, as well as legal fees. In addition, estimated staff hours committed to an election historically exceed 100 hours.



ALTERNATIVE:

The Board may choose to proceed with a written ballot election as described in TDA's governing documents.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION:

N/A

Prepared by: David Mickaelian, General Manager

Reviewed by: Brent Collinson, Inspector of Elections

Board Meeting Date: April 28, 2023

General Manager Approval to Place on the Agenda: _____