

Tahoe Donner Board of Directors Election 2023 Elections Committee Summary Report

- The Elections Committee carried out all aspects of the 2023 Board of Directors election in compliance with California law and the Tahoe Donner Association Election and Voting Rules.
- Communications to members about the upcoming election and solicitation of prospective candidates commenced with the February 2023 Tahoe Donner News. There were further communications to members about the election and deadlines in the March Tahoe Donner News, in weekly email blasts and on the Tahoe Donner Board Election website.
- Candidate applications were made available on the Tahoe Donner Board Election website on March 20, 2023.
- The nomination period closed at 10AM on April 20, 2023. Two candidates submitted applications by the deadline. The applications were reviewed by the Elections Committee and the candidates were determined to be eligible. The candidates who applied were existing Board members, Courtney Murrell and Stephen Mahoney.
- The Elections Committee submitted a Staff Report to the Board on April 20, 2023 notifying the board of the two eligible candidates and referencing the Association's election rules regarding concluding an uncontested election by acclamation. An email went out to members notifying them of the two candidates and indicating the Board would address the election at the April 28, 2023 regular meeting.
- At the April 28, 2023 Board meeting the Board addressed the election. Courtney Murrell and Stephen Mahoney recused themselves from the discussion and the Board vote. The Inspector of Elections, Brent Collinson, was present and advised the Board that he concurred with concluding the election by acclamation. He further noted that this would save the Association \$30-40 thousand by not proceeding with an election where the outcome is known with certainty.
- The Board voted 3-0 to elect Courtney Murrell and Stephen Mahoney by acclamation.

- With the election concluded by acclamation, further election related activities by the Elections Committee ended. On May 10, 2023 members were notified about the finalization of the election and reminded about the Annual Meeting of Members on June 25, 2023.
- The Elections Committee will have a table at the Member Expo on June 25, 2023.

Election Recommendations

As the election was concluded early, the expected election events and activities didn't happen. Some of the election related changes that were planned based on feedback about the 2022 election cycle will be implemented for the 2024 cycle. The committee's recommendations for the 2024 election cycle are:

- Limit the campaign events for members to one event, the Candidates' Night and do not schedule that event during Memorial Day weekend.
- Add an optional facility tour for prospective candidates the day after the information session for candidates (closed to members).
- Request that Staff consult with legal counsel annually well in advance of the election and make the Elections Committee aware of any changes to the laws / regulations which may need to be considered for the upcoming election.
- Have a secure ballot drop box available in Members' Services from Tuesday through Saturday of the week leading up to the Annual Meeting of Members to be targeted for circumstances in which a ballot mailed from Truckee may not arrive at the Accountants' office by the deadline.
- Enhance the Election FAQ on the Board Election website to address additional relevant topics based on member feedback, such as why electronic voting is not available.
- Finalize the 2024 election timetable prior to the November 2023 Board meeting so that the Board can approve the timeline at that meeting. The notification to members of the election timeline including the nomination deadline will be communicated in the January issue of Tahoe Donner News, i.e. moved up one month.

Required reminder notices will be sent in the April Tahoe Donner News and by email blasts.

- Identify and onboard two new members to the Elections Committee.