

Election Committee Minutes, May 4, 2021

The Committee convened by Zoom at 2 pm, with members Nan Carnal, Charlene Simmons and Chair Bette Rohrback in attendance, along with Tahoe Donner member Benjamin Levine and Tahoe Donner staff person Robin Bennett.

Election Post-Mortem

The email notifying TD members to update their contact information with the Association in advance of the election was helpful and should be continued, as should the TD News article featuring former board members discussing serving on the board as a positive experience. Perhaps an article on the election reform package adopted by the Association this year could be featured. There should be better communication about the time commitment involved in running and serving on the board.

Campaign Contribution Discussion

The committee discussed the issue of campaign expenditures. Sample questions for an anonymous, voluntary survey of current and former board members (2016-2021) were considered. Most expenditures are for signs and mailers. Charlene will meet with Benjamin, who has an inventory of campaign materials since 2018, to gather information and consider survey questions. The committee will reconvene to adopt survey questions for final recommendation to the Board.

Election Committee Applicant Materials

The committee considered a memorandum on *Election Committee Responsibilities, Membership and Timelines* to be presented to applicants and new members. Comments are to be sent to Bette for final review.

There currently is an applicant for committee membership who will have a Zoom interview in the near future. Questions for that interview were considered, with comments to be sent to Bette this week.

Succession Planning for Committee Chairs

Benjamin raised the issue of succession planning. As a practical matter, the Elections Committee has had difficulties in recruiting members and turnover has been limited. Term limits aren't useful unless there is a candidate. The formal creation of a Vice Chair might be helpful as an important ladder position or chair-in-waiting.

Next Meeting

An interview will be scheduled with our potential committee member in the near future. No further meetings are scheduled at this point.

The committee meeting adjourned at 2:59 pm