

Tahoe Donner Elections Committee Minutes August 6, 2024

Members Present: Min Yi, Steve Meyers, Charlene Simmons, Bette Rohrback
Staff Present: Patricia West, Lindsay Hogan (survey discussion)

The meeting was called to order at 2:30PM.

Agenda Items:

Member Survey regarding the election. Lindsay walked the Elections Committee (EC) through the survey responses and the EC discussed observations/insights and potential process changes for the future.

- The respondents were weighted to individuals who voted (73%)
- Lindsay will provide a follow up to the EC that correlates the responses to Question 1 (how frequently do you vote) with the ownership information in Questions 10-12. This may provide insight into how TD can achieve a greater voting percentage.
- The degree of satisfaction with the process per Question 9 was an overall positive response that the EC is pleased with.
- The EC discussed Question 8 about receiving election information by email and this led to further ideas about how to keep the voter email list updated. Patricia volunteered to research the invalid email addresses (bouncebacks) in the voter list before the next election. Lindsay said that she also would add an item with the annual assessment mailing that will ask members to confirm and update, if needed, their email address either in writing with the payment of their assessment or directly in the Member Portal.

Post election calls with candidates

- The schedule/due date information at the April information forum for candidates was sufficient.
- Based on the candidate feedback the EC will streamline the information forum by limiting the attendance to the Department Directors and the General Manager and simplify the format and the time spent on Q&A.
- At future candidate information forums, the EC will clarify for candidates that it is not within the scope of the EC's role to control/limit election related social media posts by members or candidates.
- The EC requested to Lindsay that additional publicity about the election, e.g. signage, be placed on TD property between the time the ballots are mailed and the annual meeting.
- The EC will add to the candidate information packet general information about the existence of service providers related to personal websites and sending bulk emails. However, TD Staff won't have any role in assisting candidates.

Committee Charter update

- Min will take the lead in updating the EC committee charter to bring it into conformity with current association standards. This will include adding clarity on EC members code of conduct to remain impartial. The "timeline of activities" section will be updated to conform to requirements for allowing for an election by acclamation if the requirements are met i.e. same number of candidates as open positions. The target for completion of the charter updated will be the EC meeting to be held on September 24.

Voting Rules Update

- The Voting Rules need to be updated for a few items including updating the timeline and adding clarity about members advocating a point of view during the election using Association resources. Steve will draft an update for the Voting Rules and also the Campaign Guidelines for the September 24 meeting to facilitate this being provided to the Board for their October meeting. There is a 45 day period for member comment after the Board approves the Voting Rules.

EC Report to the Board about Electronic Voting

- The EC will complete its report to the Board about electronic voting consistent with the approved task by September 17 so that it can be provided to the Board for the September Board meeting. Timetable to accomplish this:
 - By August 27th Charlene will create an outline.
 - Current process – Min
 - Legislation pros and cons
 - Once the outline is completed Min, Steve and Bette will work on sections.
- Independently from the EC, the TD Staff will work on developing a report on cost impacts of electronic voting that could be presented to the Board along with the EC report.

The next EC meeting is Tuesday September 3rd and the October meeting will be moved to Tuesday September 24th 12:30- 2:30 due to EC members' availability in October.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30PM.