

Committee Name:
Elections Committee

Committee Chair:
Cheryl Gettelfinger
Minutes recorded
by: Cheryl
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Date/time of meeting: 05/06/2018 8:00pm EDT

Actions Taken:

1. Approved/Rejected:

Number of committee members present: 8

Absent: 0

Number of others present: 0

Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Erin Sullivan, Vice-Chair, Leianne Crittenden, David Diehl, Nancy Ridout, Dan Wegner, Bruce Hopson, Susan Ehringer and Cheryl Gettelfinger

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 8:00pm EDT.

1. Next meeting will be June 3, 2018 at 5:00pm EDT for committee members only.
2. The members began with discussion of the need to open an extended period of nomination for the position of At-large Director of the Breadbasket and Northwest Zones. Due to the Memorial Day holiday, it was decided to keep the deadline at May 31st.
3. The slating process was begun and completed with results presented to the BOD and candidates at the conclusion of the call. The committee will make a recommendation to the BOD for a change to better word the requirements for eligibility for office in both the nomination packet and EOG. In addition, the committee wishes to suggest a change to provide better instructions for the required Conflict of Interest form provided by the National Office.
4. A suggested rule change to 504.1.5 to include the chairs of all Committees of the BOD as automatic delegates to convention was discussed and agreed upon. Erin offered to submit the rule change from her LMSC.
5. The committee discussed electronic voting and how Onshalee from the National Office was familiar with one of our testing vendors, Election Runner. She conducted the College Club Swimming elections with this computer module and will help the committee to set it up. This module will be used only for the elections of At-large Directors at this time. The committee will continue to test, prepare the instructions (on the headers on pages 1 and 2) and discuss backup plans for those without computers as well as the possibility of extending the time of voting due to possible poor wifi reception. The program offers an immediate audit process that will be shown to the HOD. Using electronic voting should greatly reduce the time spent voting and/or revoting.
6. The committee discussed the current EOG requirement of Zone endorsements which drives the scheduling of Zone meetings during even years. The feeling of the committee was that zone endorsements should remain at this time for the following reasons. 1)It gives the delegates of the zone the opportunity to increase their awareness of the candidate (s) and his or her views. 2)It gives the zone's delegates an opportunity to support or not support the. nomination which may give added information to all of the delegates. 3)Having the zone meetings early in the convention allows for discussion of issues that may affect the zone and help to benefit the zone.
7. Finally, the Meet-the-Candidate set-up was discussed. The committee wishes to keep it as is but make it shorter by allowing an introduction by all candidates and then immediately opening up for questions from the floor. A formal plan for this session will be written and concerns, described as follows, were discussed. The committee was reluctant to make any other meeting or time to meet the candidates as optional (e.g. New delegate, immediately before HOD, etc. because it would then essentially become required for all candidates. In addition, the committee was reluctant to use speed dating mostly due to the inability to hear when broken into small groups. There will be no objection from the committee to concluding as soon as the last question has been answered or if questions become repetitive. We anticipate about half the time of previous MTC sessions.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm EDT.