

Election Committee Meeting Minutes - July 26, 2018

Committee Members present: Co-chair Charlene Murphy, Claudette Dirkers, Dorothy Keeler, Andrea Sedlak (by phone), and Linda Ulrich

Committee Members absent: Co-chair Kevin Newby

Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m.

1) Edit Nomination Mailing

Letter, Guidelines and Form

Action Item: Circulate group edits by email in preparation for Nomination Mailing August 25. Collate, Friday, August 24 at 23 Helios Way in North Glastonbury.

2) Review Form for Representatives of Legal Entities

Motion: Dorothy motioned and Linda seconded to recommend the board consider that the Legal Entity Designation form remains in effect until revoked in writing. Dorothy – yes, Linda-yes, Andrea-yes, Charlene-yes, Claudette abstained

Action Item: Claudette will research Montana Non-Profit Law regarding representatives of legal entities.

3) Review the recent election on June 16. What needs to be changed?

1. Allow more time for the verifiers to open the absentee ballots by arriving at 8:00 a.m. Due to the large number of absentee ballots this year, the verifiers were still processing absentee ballots when landowners started to arrive early at 9:30 a.m. The election meeting was to begin at 10:00 a.m.

4) Proposed election procedures discussed:

The Election Procedures are being reviewed by members for 30 days, until August 1, 2018. The idea that board members and candidates may not cast proxy votes generated discussion. Some committee members felt this would violate the GLA Bylaws, and Montana nonprofit state law. The idea was based on a judge's decision to not allow board members or incumbent candidates to cast proxy votes, and to keep election fair and on equal footing, the board is proposing that no one running for the board should cast proxy votes. Some committee members thought that the option to cast proxy votes by the non-incumbent candidates, needs to remain intact.

Meeting adjourned at 915 p.m.