

Minutes of the Governing Documents Committee

August 5, 2020 Meeting (by phone)

Committee Members Present: Andrea Sedlak (chair), Charlotte Mizzi, Jerry Ladewig

Committee Members Absent: None

Board Members Present: John McAlister, Claudette Dirkers

Landowners Present: Leo Keeler, Donna Lash-Andersen, Debbie Newby, Richard Will

CALL TO ORDER: 1:20 PM

Discussion—

The committee considered input from landowners to date about mail delays in receiving the Re-Do Bylaws Ballot packets and discussed possible approaches to address these. Decided to send a message to all landowners who provided email addresses announcing that the re-do ballot packets had been mailed and asking them to contact us if they had not received theirs. This would provide a sample of how large a problem the mail delays posed to the vote and guide any further actions.

Landowners present asked for documentation of the attorney's advice that led to the Board's decision to cancel the original ballot and re-do the Bylaws vote. Board members present indicated that the advice came through the President's conversation with the attorney. The committee will have President ask the attorney to provide his advice in a form that could be shared with the landowners.

Several landowners present had requested that their original ballots be returned to them. They protested the shredding of the original ballots. The committee explained that this was standard practice for ineligible ballots in multiple previous annual elections, as documented in the instructions for the election workers. The committee also explained that this was done following the recommended procedures, under observation, and that the outer identifying envelopes were separated from the privacy envelopes before the ballots were removed to be shredded. The committee also explained that the envelopes had to be opened (1) to find any checks that needed to be deposited and (2) to remove any blue surveys (on Members' preferences for the annual election format). Despite the committee's explanations, landowners continued their complaints, objections, and accusations about the shredding and opening of the original ballot. As no resolution was in sight, the chair moved the discussion on to other issues.

Additional concern was that the re-do ballot still used the original ballot's June 30 due date for being paid in full in order to be in good standing. The committee explained that the required date was well-publicized in the original packet and that changing the rules in the middle of the vote efforts would have been unfair.

Landowners wanted to know why they were not receiving the minutes of Board meetings and committee meetings. Also, they wanted to know where they could see documentation of Board and committees' actions between meetings. The Secretary said minutes are sent to landowners listed to receive them and posted on the glamontana.org website. Interim actions by the Board and by committees are in sections of the minutes labeled "finished business."

Jerry reported on the results of the survey on Members' views about the format for the fall election meeting. The GLA received 89 completed surveys. About 69% wanted a modified annual election meeting; similarly, 69% wanted a mail-only election. Many people checked both alternatives. Jerry will provide this report to the board at next Monday's meeting and submit a motion for the Board to approve a modified election meeting, with social distancing and a limit on the number of people admitted into the venue at a time.

The committee reviewed and approved the minutes of two committee meetings. Charlotte will post them on the website.

Motions—

- Charlotte moved and Andrea seconded to send an email to all landowners with email addresses asking them to notify us if they had not received their re-do bylaws ballot packet. All committee members voted yes.
- Charlotte moved and Jerry seconded to approve the minutes of the May 28 committee meeting. All committee members voted yes.
- Jerry moved and Andrea seconded to approve the minutes of the June 11 committee meeting. Jerry and Andrea voted yes; Charlotte abstained having not attended that meeting.

Finished Business—

7/13 Andrea mailed training packets to the directors and landowners who volunteered to serve as officials and workers at the meeting to count the Restated Bylaws Ballot.

7/16 Andrea motioned to the Board to approve the cover letter for the Re-do ballot packet. Motion passed 7/17.

7/17 Andrea trained two officials and two sign-in-verifiers for the Restated Bylaws vote counting work.

7/18 Andrea trained two officials and two vote counters for the Restated Bylaws vote counting work.

7/24 Gov Docs Committee mailed the re-do Bylaws Ballot packet to all 404 Membership Interests

Meeting Schedule:

The schedule for the next Gov Docs Committee Meeting is undecided, contingent on the results of the email canvassing of Members about their receipt of the re-do ballot packet.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 2:40 PM