

ROTONDA WEST ASSOCIATION, INC.
Election Committee Minutes

MEETING on August 22, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 2:00pm

PRESENT: Peter Traverso (Chair), Dick Duggan, Linda Bondeson, Susan Superak & Geoff Lorah

ABSENT: None

OTHER MEMBERS Hank Killion, Sam Besase, Bob Bondeson, Steve Superak, Cathy Potts, Ruth Ann Brown, Pattie Aho, Linda Miller, Nick Kotzakes, Doug Coombs, Sigal Adkins, Barbara Knieff, Geoff Lorah, Nick Gizzi, Diane Shaw, Dave & Diane McGrath, Donna Stogsdill, Barry Kean, Stephen Froggatt, Jack Horner, Karen Harvey, Anne Marie Hunter, Jim Shaw, Carol Delucca, Nancy Ward Snyder

MANAGEMENT: None

Minutes were approved as read

Will discuss Policy Changes Later

Pete mentioned that two of the Election Committee Members will not be able to make the October 17th Candidate Night Date. He stated that he would bring before the BOD to see if the date could be changed but if it could not, he had discussed already with Jim Freeman who can supply personnel that evening to help.

Peter asked Geoff Lorah how much lea way we had for the printing date. Geoff stated that the printer usually needs two weeks to complete. Geoff stated that all information needs to be collated and it goes to the Post Office in shifts, i.e., foreign, US etc. The mailing is usually complete between 9/27 and 10/7.

Peter also will check to make sure we can stream the event.

Peter gave overview to the audience on how he became the chair. He stated that he wanted zero questions from the audience.

Since the last Election Committee Meeting, we now have 7 candidates, with Ann Marie Hunter being the 7th.

Geoff explained how the mailings will look, with 3 candidates, 6 candidates and 7 candidates.

The Election Committee then did the drawing for position for 7 candidates. Sue Superak read out the secret names and Linda Bondeson selected the secret numbers as follows:

#1 – Andy VanSycoc

#2 – Bernie Schmelz

#3 – Hank Killion

#4 – Ann Marie Hunter

#5 – Jerry Eldridge

#6 – Pattie Aho

7 – Stephen Reed

This is the position they will be in on the Ballot as well as the mailing. #1 will be on the inside cover, with all others following and #7 will be on the back cover.

Peter asked everyone if they knew why we went to the secret ballot. He explained the reasoning behind the secret ballot.

Pattie Aho asked the question about the 7th candidate. She stated that it was a bi-law violation to except the 7th candidate by the BOD. Peter stated that the BOD had a closed meeting with the attorney on Monday and will get clarification.

Geoff asked that we do the drawing in case it is only 6 candidates. Therefore, once again the election committee drew names and numbers in secret. Susan Superak drew the names and Linda Bondeson drew the numbers; the results were as follows:

#1 – Andy VanSycoc

#2 – Hank Killion

#3 – Bernie Schmelz

#4 – Stephen Reed

#5 – Jerry Eldridge

#6 – Pattie Aho

Someone from the audience asked the question “Do you really think it is a good idea to have the President’s letter in the same mailing as the ballot??It may sway the voter. Wouldn’t it be better to have someone else write the letter?”

Ruth Ann Walker asked the question "Who is responsible for keeping the Website with valid information. The information is all wrong, Linda Miller stated maybe it should just be shut down. Other members of the audience raised their disappointment in the Website. Peter suggested to them that they bring it up at a board meeting, this was not the forum to discuss the Website.

Peter also explained to them that he was appointed to the position and that he votes his conscience.

Peter then polled the audience for their suggestions to improve the election process.

Jim Shaw stated that there should be a statement that I certify this information to be true and to sign under penalty.

Make a strong statement that candidates' statements must be signed. People just started shouting out suggestions, such as Make it Simple, needs to be Term Limits. Barry Kean suggested that if something is wrong perhaps give the candidate 48 hours to correct. Sam Besase stated that it should be simple not so rigid, Linda Miller follow directions and rules. Diane Shaw, Presidents Letter should be written by someone other than the president if the president is a candidate. If the president is not running, ok to have President Letter. Ann Marie Hunter, have the VP or Manager sign the letter.

Peter explained that the Election is like a moving train, it has dates established and lots of things need to happen in a short period of time.

The meeting adjourned at 3:12pm

Next meeting, November 21, 2019 12:30pm.

Respectively submitted,

Linda Bondeson, Secretary