Nominations & Elections Committee notes
9.21.2020
Present: Mark (Chair), Rob, Julia, Idgi (PO), Erin (PO), Carol (PO), Chloe (Board Admin)

Chloe will follow up with committee members if 5:30 p.m. is a better meeting time moving forward.

Election Packet:
The committee briefly reviewed the Election Packet following the Board's discussion on September 18. The Board will vote to approve the Election Packet at the October Board meeting (October 5).

Mark highlighted the updated digital Conflict of Interest document. Candidates will contact Chloe to request the digital document and complete.

The committee discussed the length of the open call period, and the suggestion of candidates attending two board meetings (both listed in the Election Packet).

The committee discussed the process of contacting the current Directors who are up for reelection.

Rob brought up the idea of ranked choice voting. Owners currently receive 3 votes and all votes weigh evenly. The committee discussed the scoring procedure if a ranking system were instated.

Erin shared two links to support the discussion:
Maine review of rank voting: https://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/elec/upcoming/pdf/rcvfactsheet.pdf
Review of Multi-Winner Ranked Choice Voting:
https://www.rankedchoicevoting.org/how_multi_seat_rcv_works

If the committee were to recommend switching to a ranking model, the decision would need to be implemented in the software before the voting period opens (March 7, 2021).

Rob suggested writing a blurb to describe the new voting process to go with the information on the running candidates.

Carol suggested piloting the voting process with a small group of people, and submitting an article to Community News framing/highlighting it as a way to "select your favorite" rather than significant change.

Action: Rob will reach out to Matthew and Melinda to share the committee's thoughts on ranked choice voting, and learn how to instate a trial election by the next meeting.

The committee will discuss the results of the trial election at the next committee, while keeping in mind the voting system should be confirmed before the February Board meeting.

Diversity Inclusions

The committee discussed the letter Julia penned to send to organizations that support diversity for them to give to their groups, members, or employees to recruit for the Board.

The committee discussed the follow up process, or action for the letter's reader to take. The committee discussed perhaps the reader is cued up for a phone call or other connection with a Director..

The committee discussed when the letter would be released. Julia imagined it to be released/circulated with the release of the candidate packet.

The committee will discuss the items below at the October committee meeting.

Forum Format

Candidate Questions

Calendar