

Voting Procedure:

Passed by motion on March 12th, 2020 at the regular club meeting.

Re: Article III, 3.02 Election of Officers

The meeting agreed to change to wording of the bylaws to say the following regarding the Election of Officers.

3.02 Election of Officers

Nominations for officers, as defined by Article 7 of these bylaws, will take place at the October meeting each year. If at the meeting the slate of officers nominated are unopposed, then nominations may be closed, and the nominated officers can be elected by acclamation by members present at that meeting. If any positions are contested by nominated individuals, the contested office(s) and names of the nominee(s) will be placed on a ballot which will be included in the November newsletter. It will be the responsibility of each member wishing to vote to print and fill out their ballots and send their ballot back to FOM prior to the December meeting where they will be counted.

Explanation and details of procedure:

Per the first portion of this section of the bylaws if there are uncontested offices for the slate of officers, they can be voted into office by acclamation of those present at the meeting, avoiding further election requirements. If this is the case, no election committee shall need to be formed and the elected officers will be seated at the following January meeting as is standard.

If there are one or more contested positions, an election shall take place. A committee of non-running volunteer members shall form the Election Committee and shall make sure that a ballot is included in the November Newsletter. The newsletter and ballot shall be sent to the membership either by email or mail as is stated on the individual's preferences regarding the receipt of newsletters. The member(s) shall print their ballot(s) if received by email and be allowed to vote per Section 3.01 of the bylaws. One vote per member for single members and one per adult (in same household) for family memberships, with a maximum of 2 total votes per household.

If there is less than the required quorum of 10% of the total current membership at the meeting in October, the elections shall not take place and shall be rescheduled.

Ballots: The ballots shall include all officers nominated at the October meeting. If a member can not be present at the October meeting but would be willing to serve as one of the officer's positions, they can be nominated from the floor at the October meeting. Names on the ballot shall be listed in the order they were nominated with the first nomination for each office at the top of the list of candidates for that office. Each office shall include one line for a write in candidate at the bottom of the list of candidates for that office allowing members to write in the name of a candidate not nominated at the October meeting. Members shall write their name(s) on the outside of the envelope used to mail in ballots so that they can be checked against the membership list and qualified for voting.

Counting the Ballots:

At the December meeting all ballots correctly received shall be counted. Mail shall be collected from our P.O. Box on the day of the December meeting to make sure all properly mailed ballots are able to be counted.

If a ballot is not qualified by name on the outside of the mail in envelope, that ballot/envelope shall not be opened, and the ballot(s) shall not be counted. All members must be checked against a current list of members submitted for this purpose by the Secretary of the club.

The committee shall complete the counting of the ballots, agree together on the results, and submit their report to the club members present at the December meeting.