

BOARD ELECTION RECOMMENDATIONS

COMMENTS

- Education regarding election process
- Education regarding bylaws and partnership with other agencies (i.e. City of Boise)
- Transparency and open participation
- No anonymous voting
- Advanced notice of election meeting and repeated call for board members
- Nominations allowed on the day of the election
- Verification of residency for candidates and voters
- Nonpartisan organization/No politics or policy promotion
- Compliance with Conflict of Interest Policy
- Board service emphasized over networking and representing
- Neighborhood Association as conduit of information
- Unanimous consensus - empower neighbors to speak for themselves in order to reduce the risk of misrepresentation
- President serves as group facilitator striving for balance
- Protect the integrity and original intent of the organization as a grass roots all-volunteer neighborhood organization with no paid staff. Keep it manageable, realistic, and fun!
- "Election was fine" - "Doing a fantastic job" - "No concerns here" (several)

RECOMMENDATIONS

Section 2.4 Limitation of Authority of Members and Directors. No member, including any member of the Board of Directors, whether acting individually or for the Board, may represent to any public agency, the media, or other person or entity whatsoever that they represent the Association or the views or desires of the Association or the majority of the members unless such representation, and the essential content of the representations made by such member, has specifically been authorized by vote of the members at a duly noticed, advertised and constituted meeting of the members and be so documented. It is the intent of this section that the Association shall represent the consensus of the members, and if consensus cannot be reached, then no representation shall be made in the name of the Association or on behalf of its members. It is anticipated that the members shall implement this section by majority vote, with a show of hands, and votes being counted and documented. This will provide general guidance and direction to the Board on specific issues, and the Board shall then give specific direction to the elected officers for the implementation of the member's directions and public representations of the Association. A summary of dissenting views shall be transmitted along with any recommendation made by the Association to the City. The Association will maintain political neutrality.

Section 4.1 Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall consist of not less than three (3) individuals, and not more than **eight (8)**, each of whom at all times shall be a member of

the Association. ~~All positions of the Board of Director's may be shared between two individuals functioning as a partnership.~~ Board members are required to serve on at least one (1) of the three (3) Association's standing committees. The members of record shall elect the Board of Directors and Officers from candidates nominated by the members of record. The Board of Directors shall manage the affairs of the Association in the interim between general meetings of members. The Board shall be accountable to the membership; shall seek the views of those affected by any proposed policies or reactions before adopting any recommendation on behalf of the Association; and shall strictly comply with these Bylaws.

Section 4.2 Officers. The elective officers of the Association shall be President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. ~~All of the above positions may be shared between two individuals functioning as a partnership.~~ The Secretary and Treasurer may be one individual. Officers, communicating on behalf of the Association, may do so only in accordance with Article 2, Section 2.4.

President. The President shall act as a facilitator encouraging balance and striving for consensus among the membership, will prepare the agenda, coordinate facilitate meetings, and be the primary representative of the Association at public meetings of the Association or of local government. ~~This position may be shared between two individuals functioning as a partnership with co-President status.~~

Vice President. In the absence of the President or in the event of his/her inability or refusal to act, the Vice President shall perform the duties of the President, and when so acting, shall have all the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the President. ~~This position may be shared between two individuals functioning as a partnership with co-Vice President status.~~

Secretary. The Secretary shall keep and publish minutes of meetings; see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these Bylaws; be custodian of the Association records; keep a register of the post office addresses of each active member, which shall be furnished to the Secretary by such member in the "Official Membership List"; keep a register of committee membership; and, in general, perform all the duties incident to the office of Secretary. ~~This position may be shared between two individuals functioning as a partnership with co-Secretary status.~~

Treasurer. The Treasurer shall have charge of all Association funds, deposit them into an account in the name of the Association, make a complete financial statement at the

Annual Meeting and, with the other officers, review the books annually. ~~This position may be shared between two people functioning as a partnership with co-Treasurer status.~~

Section 4.3 Election of Board of Directors; Appointment of Officers. ~~Association members shall receive a meeting notice which includes a call for board members, at least two (2) weeks prior to the annual election. Meeting notice will be advertised online and via United States Postal Service, using the annual postcard mailing process provided by the City of Boise.~~ Association members attending the Annual Meeting must sign in to confirm residency and to elect the Board of Directors and Officers. Election process will consist of a majority vote for individual positions, by a show of hands, with votes being counted and documented. Any member is eligible to run for any office and may be nominated by any other member or by him or herself. Candidates will complete a bio form prior to the election and all bios shall be read during the election process. Candidates must also have their residency verified and sign the Conflict of Interest Policy form on the day of the election. Board of Directors and Officers shall be elected for a one-year term and such term shall begin immediately after their election. The duties of the officers shall be as provided in these Bylaws and as may be assigned to them by the Board of Directors, if not so stated herein.

Section 4.6 Vacancies. A vacancy in any office because of resignation, removal, disqualification or otherwise, ~~may be filled by appointment by the Board of Directors~~ shall remain open for the unexpired portion of the term, until the next annual election.