

USMS Convention — Jacksonville, Florida 2018

Committee Name: Elections Committee

Session #: 1

Committee Chair: Cheryl Gettelfinger

Vice Chair: Erin Sullivan

Minutes recorded by: Cheryl Gettelfinger

Date/time of meeting: September 27, 2018

Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

1. None

Motions Passed:

1. None

Number of committee members present: 7

Absent: 0

Number of other delegates present: 2

Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): David Diehl, Susan Ehringer, Erin Sullivan, Leianne Crittenden, Dan Wegner, Nancy Ridout and Cheryl Gettelfinger

Committee Members Absent: 0

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 12:41 p.m. EDT

1. To align the Election Operating Guidelines (EOG) regarding acclamation for unopposed candidates with the transition to electronic voting, it was decided for the 2018 year to maintain the acclamation process and remove the names of unopposed and their respective zones from the preliminary electronic ballot for the final ballot. Other EOG conflicts with electronic voting will be reviewed in the near future.
2. Those delegates without a device will be directed to a specific area where they will receive the help they need. They will be directed to see either Cheryl or Onshalee.
3. Discussion ensued about the Meet-the-Candidate (MTC) forum for HOD #3 including methods and instructions. The Elections Committee wants to emphasize that the purpose of this session is to ask good questions and listen to all the answers carefully. While we desire to make the session entertaining, the purpose is to get to know the candidates and evaluate the candidates to make important decisions for USMS.
4. When the discussion of the possibility of providing an online nomination packet, Dan Wegner offered to look at the most current nomination packet. It hasn't been decided for other documents such as nomination and recommendation letters at this time but that may be included in the future.

Tasks for the Upcoming Year

1. Review the EOG for conflicts when transitioning to electronic voting.
2. Review the electronic nomination packet.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m. EDT
