

PSC Notes

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Houston, we have a problem.

If you follow club business you might be looking for information on our annual elections and if you follow closely you may have noticed there isn't anything out there. While we have seven of our eight positions up for election we haven't met the rules to get the process going and in effect we have no nominees.

We have failed to have a quorum for membership meetings for almost half a year. Clearly we need to rethink some of our procedures on the matter but we have a more immediate problem, under our own rules we do not have a by-laws-legal slate of candidates for election.

I have read the significant sections several times; it comes down to this:

1. The president appoints a nomination committee which is unlike every other committee at the club in that it must be validated by the membership to actually form. No meeting, no validation, no nominees.
2. Other nominations may come from the floor. No meeting, no floor from which to nominate. No nominees.

You may see the problem here. The only appropriate way to go forward with the situation is to follow the by-laws, as awkward as that may be. None of the requirements will change, just the timing.

In our December Membership Meeting, (Dec. 1st at 6:30 PM in the clubhouse by the way), we will look for a quorum and treat the meeting in the same way we would have in November. The agenda will be simple and the major business will be the business of the election committee after validation by a vote. The committee will present its recommended nominees following which we will take nominations from the floor and schedule an election for January. There will also be discussion of process for the election at this point.

Note as you read the by-laws that officers continue until replaced so there will be continuity. Of course no one can be compelled to serve so if an officer resigns before the election we will follow the by-laws to replace that individual.

The magic number? Fifteen. We need fifteen members including three EB members.

Let's get it done.

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