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Big Canoe POA

Board of Directors

Communication to the Community from the POA Board

Since the Annual Meeting last December 7, the Board, the Chair of the Election Committee and management have met to evaluate communications made by a Property Owner that a candidate for election to the Board of Directors was ineligible to run for that position since this person was not on the property deed as an owner. Included in our discussions were two separate law firms that specialize in community association law. Our conversations with these attorneys raised many questions for which the Board requested written responses with appropriate analysis of the issues raised.

Both law firms, acting independently of each other, have indicated that the candidate was ineligible to run for the Board. Both indicated a new election and re-vote should occur.

Meg Rooney came to the election committee with a question about her eligibility in April, 2019 before deciding to run for the Board. Follow up to her question occurred through POA staff who advised the election committee chair and the Board president that an attorney had been spoken to, and who advised that she would be eligible to run for the board. Our recent inquiry with these two law firms indicated this advice was mistaken. Our apologies go to Meg and her family. She, in no way, has done anything inappropriate, and was forthright and proactive seeking to do the right thing.

Because both law firms indicated that this circumstance created an invalid election, a new election and revote will need to occur. Following is an outline of a timetable for the new election:

1. The nomination process for candidates to apply for the election will run from December 23, 2019 to January 17, 2020. Packets for candidate completion will be available on December 23 and all qualification criteria will be verified by POA staff. Nominations will be open to all Property Owners eligible to run for a Board seat.
2. A campaign period will run from January 22 to February 8 with the POA hosting one or more events to allow for Q&A.
3. Ballots will be mailed on February 10. Property Owners should attempt to pay their outstanding billing statement balance on time in anticipation of this upcoming election.
4. The final day for ballots to be received by our accounting firm, Mauldin & Jenkins, will be February 26 with the results announced at a community event at the Clubhouse on February 29.



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