

Overview of the HPPOA Nominating Committee Meeting of December 4, 2013:

Members Present: June Conant, Elizabeth Weatherford, Bruce Derrick, Joan Galante and Leilani Bronson-Crelly

Meeting convened at 6:00 p.m. in the Activity Center library, with all members in attendance.

June Conant had earlier distributed an agenda via email to the members – which we used to conduct the meeting.

Bruce Derrick nominated Leilani Bronson-Crelly to be the chair of the committee and the members agreed.

At this point, there will be four (4) board openings in the upcoming June 2014 election: Districts 4, 5, 7, and 8.

June Conant made multiple suggestions to procure potential candidates for the upcoming election:

(1) Insert an article in the January 2014 “Conch” – the Annual Update – informing the lot owners of the openings and inviting them to run for office;

(2) Submit a press release (first week of February 2014) to expand our reach to readers in the local community through “Hawaii Tribune Herald” and “Big Island Weekly,” – maybe even, Puna Web, etc. to get involved in HPP and run for office;

(3) Flyers and posters distributed and shown at monthly swap meet, board meetings, general membership meeting (February), office and bulletin boards. Bruce Derrick volunteered his sign-making skills to provide the posters and banners; and,

(4) Judy Sumter suggested to June that a short (less than 60 seconds) video clip be shot of each candidate and posted on the HPP website in order for lot owners to get a “feel” of a potential candidate. If video clips are not available, or doable, a photo head shot of each candidate along with their statement should be posted onto the web site.

After considerable discussion, it was agreed that June Conant would present the matter of preferential voting (Bylaws Article VIII, Section 5f) to the Board of Directors for their deliberation and direction. It was agreed by the committee that preferential voting was not a matter to be addressed by them. It was further suggested that a completely separate committee be appointed to determine the process and procedure of preferential voting.

Elizabeth Weatherford expressed her willingness to provide an explanation at the February 23, 2014, General Membership Meeting on how preferential voting works and why it is a good idea – per the agreement of the Board of Directors.

The committee placed dates to the various milestones of the election season (see Attachment 'A').

The committee discussed the need for a campaign signage policy. It was agreed that the Board of Directors should come up with one and June Conant agreed to place it on an upcoming agenda for discussion.

Morgan Sky, administrative assistant in the office, reminded June Conant that “in the past” an invitation was mailed out to East Hawaii lot owners, *only*, to consider running for election in the upcoming open seats. The one sheet would be mailed out at the end of January 2014 – after the annual billing, and would be printed in house (in different colors per district). On one side of the sheet it would have a brief invitation to consider being on the board and on the reverse side would have the normal candidate’s information form to be filled out and submitted to the office, no later than March 14, 2014. The reason why this mailing would ONLY go to lot owners in east Hawaii Island is because board members must be able to physically attend monthly meetings in Hawaiian Paradise Park. The committee determined that the decision to send out this specific mailing to east Hawaii lot owners only (possibly 1000), should be made by the Board of Directors, hence June Conant will bring it to their agenda.

A candidates’ forum was also suggested to be held in late April 2014.

Leilani Bronson-Crelly suggested that a candidates’ packet be created and distributed to vetted candidates. The “welcome wagon” packet would include a map of their district, calendar of events and deadlines, sections or links to the Bylaws that relate to Board duties, etc. – with the thinking that “an informed candidate, is a strong candidate.”

The Nominating Committee also agreed to make recommendations to Bylaw changes/additions as they relate to them – and present the amendments to the Board and General Members to the upcoming Bylaws Committee – once impaneled.

Next meeting: Wednesday, December 11, 2013 – 6:00 p.m. in the Library.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Leilani Bronson-Crelly, Chairperson

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