

## Notes MRC Governance Committee

10/24/20205

Attendees: Grayson Havens, Maggie McLoughlin, Paul Vinsel, Pat Kimball, Chasity Tuell, Brendan O'Neil Elizabeth Fortier, Tess Parks, Deb Pulin, Jamar Williams, Joe Everett, Betsy Fitzgerald

### Action items:

- PV/PK: At next meeting explain to all the members of the MRC what would happen for elections and the need for a temp chair in Dec to get through elections in Jan. Remind folks if they have someone in mind to nominate, contact them and ask if ok.
- BO: Clarify if time spent on a partial term counts as a term. Wording- terms etc.
- PV: needs to send out an email asking for members to submit their nominations but check w nominee and then he will present at December meeting
- Strategic future- discussion next spring- revisit the issue of appointees once the legislature ends

### Notes:

- Annual meeting
1. Officer Nominations
    - Nominations need to be in December
    - PV explains the circumstances by which an officer is elected
    - PV, PK, JE are all approaching the end of their terms in the Council in Jan 26, so if they were elected officers, they would not be able to complete their term as officers. The MRC would have to elect new officers in November of next year
    - PK- term ends in November but has a hunch that you can stay on until your replacement is made
    - BO- The Council term ends and everyone's terms end at the same time. The Council would end and there would be a new council after that.
    - For next year that new council would meet in December, elect a temp chair and have the elections in jan. That helps clarify and simplify.
    - CT: What happens to people who came on in partial terms?
    - BO: Statue says appointments to fill a vacancy fall out the end of the original appointee terms. Have yet to think through if that time counts as a term under the by laws
    - DP: SP's term expires 11/26 per Gordon's vacancy and doesn't know if she could be reappointed or done.
    - BO: Off the cuff Gordon's two terms would be attributed to her.
    - PK: This November is also an election year, and so want to make sure everyone is appointed ideally before the transition so work goes on uninterrupted.
    - Slate of nominees have to be submitted to council at least 30 days prior to the meeting (officers only)
    - JE: Someone should be working with the Senate now-ish so that we have in place the president senate and governor and AGs nominations.
    - Relates to all of the appointing authorities and including the subdivisions
    - Second thurs Dec 11 vs Jan 2 = 28 days not 30, is that an issue.
    - BO: Committee with the authority to change the bylaws is this one.
    - Slate of nominees will be presented at the meeting prior to the annual meeting without days added in?
    - BO: That could cause some problems if the meeting is right before or far apart.
    - PV: we could do 28 days?
    - CT: it could be sent via email. Voting happens in the Jan meeting.
    - BO: What would happen in the Dec meeting with nominations?
    - PV: members would say I nominate ABC, then Chair would say I accept.
    - MRC members would let that simmer and then vote.
    - PK: In the past we asked folks to submit their nominations via email.
    - PV: who gets email? PK you!
    - CT: November not a full meeting- envisions a quick announcement

- JE: TO CLARIFY: committees are not changing in Jan unless the chair shifts over.

## 2. Public Forum

- CT: Nov 13 is the public forum, 11-5. First hour is to set things up. 12-1 any required votes. 1-3 for sign up. In people and Zoom. If we can't get through all we will offer another opportunity in Dec. Working on a sign up link.
- If PV can't make it before 12 PK will present about the nominating officers.
- CT will give an overview of the work we've done to date.

## 3. FOAA Updates

- BO: Law was updated requiring boards and commissions such as this where councils have to undergo certain training via FOAA, some effort in AG's office to organize an enquiry to the FOAA ombudsman to see if any potential training could be made available to many boards/commissions. Also available is the MMA resource. Nothing immediate, but will keep us updated.
- PK: suggest a month annually for FOAA refresher. That would then be recorded that we were all updated.