

NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, January 18, 2010

10:00 a.m.

MSC Annex

GVR's Mission Statement: "To provide recreational, social and leisure education opportunities that enhance the quality of our members' lives."

MINUTES

IN

ATTENDANCE: Joyce Finkelstein, (Chair), Linda Sparks (Vice Chair), Mary Lu Catino, Carol Kay, Carol Yarborough

ABSENT: Gail Ault, Bob Barry, Joyce Harrison, Paul Rathjen

STAFF: Andrea Blackshear (Executive Director), Ginny Bilbrey (Executive Assistant)

OTHER

DIRECTORS: Stan Riddle

VISITORS: Jerry Belenker, Chuck Catino, Jan Cockrum, Mark Haskoe, John Knutsen, Les Shipley, Elmer Silaghi

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- **Call to Order** - Committee Chair Joyce Finkelstein called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.
 - **Approval of the Meeting Minutes** –The October 19, 2009 Committee Meeting Minutes were approved as distributed.
 - **Review of the Final Forum Questions** – Finkelstein thanked the committee members for submitting the questions. Each Forum will include five questions posed to each candidate.
 - **Election items** – Finkelstein informed that all items pertaining to the elections will go to print on January 29th. Copies of the draft ballot and annual brochure were distributed and brief discussion was held on the items. Since the committee unanimously agreed at the September 29th committee meeting to identify the candidates presented to the Board by the committee from the candidates who petitioned to have their names placed on the ballot, it was pointed out to include this information on the ballot and on all other printed material.

Brief discussion was also held on publicity for next year's election and for those individuals seeking to place their names on the ballot through the petition process. Finkelstein believes that all candidates should know up front of the *Keeping Current* deadlines to ensure that their names will be included in the February issue of *Keeping Current* along with the other candidates.

➤ **Old Business:**

1) **Petitioned Candidates** – Finkelstein informed that GVR received two independent petitions – one from Elmer Silaghi and the other from Les Shipley. They met the requisite number of signatures for placement of their names on the ballot. No other petitions were received by the Friday, January 15th 4:00 p.m. deadline.

2) Plans for Candidate Forums

Discussion was held regarding the committee's responsibilities at the Forums. Finkelstein took a tally of the committee members who will be in attendance at the three Forums. Finkelstein will be the moderator (and in her absence at the February 4th & 11th Forums, Altie Metcalf will be the moderator), Ginny Bilbrey will be the timekeeper for the candidates, and two committee members will gather the questions from the audience members.

3) Work of "Elections Committee"

Finkelstein provided each committee member with another copy of the dates, which lists the job responsibilities of the committee for upcoming events. March will be a very busy month for the committee. Finkelstein and Sparks will begin picking up the returned envelopes from the Green Valley Post Office the week of February 22nd and on March 15th and 17th the committee will scan the returned envelopes for validation. Opening of the envelopes will be done on March 18th and on March 19th all ballots will be taken to Pima County Elections for electronic scanning and the results of the elections.

➤ **New Business:**

1) Meeting with the Candidates

Finkelstein welcomed the candidates to the meeting and self introductions were made. Copies of the Candidate Forum process and the questions for each Forum were given to the candidates. Brief review was held. Finkelstein advised that questions will be received from the audience members and they will all be addressed, time permitting. In order to prevent repetitive questions, members of the Nominations & Elections Committee will review the questions prior to them being asked. Finkelstein reminded the candidates that they will be providing the names of two individuals prior to March 18th to assist in opening the ballot envelopes. Those individuals should be at Member Services Center Annex by 8:00 a.m. on March 18th. She also advised that once the ballots are scanned by Pima County Elections, the Corporate Secretary of GVR will call each candidate with the results. If they are elected, the candidates are required to attend the Annual Meeting on March 23rd and the Reorganization Meeting of the Board on March 24th.

➤ **Adjournment** – The meeting adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

Approved by:

Joyce Finkelstein, Chair

Date