

USATT NGC Meeting 6/15

Members Present: Haynes Hendrickson, Stephanie Cheng, Sebastian De Francesco, James Budenholzer

Member Approved Minutes: Han Xiao (Paternity Leave)

At-Large Election Process

- **Number of Signatures Required To Be Considered for Ballot for At-Large Director**
 - Motion (James): Zero (0) signatures required to be considered for ballot and automatically qualify for the ballot
 - Motion - James
 - No Seconds
 - No Vote
 - Motion (Sebastian) – Recommendation to amend By-Laws to require twenty-five (25) signatures to be considered by NGC for the ballot for election for the At-Large Director and fifty (50) signatures for candidate to be automatically put on the ballot
 - Motion – Sebastian
 - Second – Haynes
 - Vote
 - Yes - Sebastian & Haynes & Stephanie
 - No - James
- **Signature Collection Process Amendments**
 - Motion (James) – Recommendation to direct the Technology Committee & USATT staff to implement an Electronic Voting format with the option for Members who are unable to access the website to call a designated USATT staff member who will verify credentials and record a signature or vote. This system will be an improvement of the overall election as it will allow for greater and easier confirmation that only active members to participate in the election process.
 - Motion – James
 - Vote
 - Yes – Sebastian & Haynes & Stephanie & James
 - No – None
- **Automatic Ballot Placement Process Amendments**
 - Addressed Above in “Signatures Required To Be Considered for Ballot for At-Large Director”
- **Same State Prohibition**
 - Motion (James) – Creation of a prohibition that the At-Large Directors cannot be from the same state.

- First – James
 - Second – Sebastian
- Vote
 - Yes – James
 - No – Haynes & Sebastian & Stephanie
- Note
 - Committee discussed the desire to create greater diversity, however those voting against agreed that a simple prohibition which would disqualify the 2nd person from a given state at the end of the election would not create a fair and just election process.
- **Timeline** – NGC recommends to the Board to amend the By-Laws to reflect the following timeline for future elections for the two (2) At-Large Director positions
 - Announcing the Detailed Election Process for that Year – Day 1
 - Deadline for Candidate Submission to be Placed on Online System for Signature Gathering – Day 14
 - Names Become Available on Online System – Day 15
 - Start of Signature Gathering Period – Day 15
 - Conclusion of Signature Gathering Period – Day 45
 - Deadline for NGC to Establish the Ballot – Day 59
 - Ballot to be Published – Day 60
 - Commencement of Voting Period – Day 60
 - Voting Period Concluded – Day 105
 - Deadline for Certification of the Election – Day 115

Club Director Election Process

- **Club Director Election Process Structure**
 - NGC Committee discusses the By-Laws references to Club Director elections.
- **Signature Requirement**
 - NGC Committee recommends to the Board that no signatures are required for this year’s election. However, NGC does not recommend changes to the By-Laws to make this decision permanent. However, a waiver or other formal mechanism may be required to bypass the signatures for the 2020 election.
- **Prohibition of Member From Club of Prior Club Director Participating in 2020 Election**
 - NGC Committee discusses that there is no explicit prohibition to date. No action taken.
- **Timeline** - NGC recommends to the Board that the 2020 election will follow this timeline for elections for the Club Director position
 - Announcing the Detailed Election Process for that Year – Day 1

- Deadline for Candidate Submission for Name to be Placed on the Ballot – Day 14
- Deadline for NGC to Establish the Ballot – Day 59
- Ballot to be Published – Day 60
- Commencement of Voting Period – Day 60
- Voting Period Concluded – Day 105
- Deadline for Certification of the Election – Day 115

Additional By-Laws Changes

- **Staggering Dates Referenced in By-Laws Section 7.9**
 - Stephanie recommended that NGC recommend to the Board clarify the actual dates referenced in this section since an entirely new Board will be seated.
 - Tabled for Next Meeting. NGC to re-review language following conclusion of this call.

Other

- **Response to Dan Reynolds' Email to NGC**
 - Tabled for Next Meeting.
- **ITTF Communication Regarding Virginia's Role**
 - James recommended the following language be issued by NGC to ITTF
 - *USATT NGC forwards name of USATT CEO Ms. Virginia Sung as ITTF North American Continental Representative to ITTF President Thomas Weikart and ITTF General Secretary Calin. This position should have automatically been conferred on her and is missing at this time from the ITTF homepage.*
 - Stephanie advised this matter is not within the scope of NGC matters. James was advised to notify ITTF as an individual Member that the website is out of date. Title was conferred upon Virginia automatically per the USATT By-Laws.