

Issue:

A seated Board member has resigned for personal reasons effective January 1, 2021. The Board must decide whether to fill the position or leave the position open until the October 2021 annual election/community meeting.

Background:

When a Board Director has resigned his or her position prior to the end of their term, a decision is made by the Board to take steps to fill the seat or wait until the annual election date, held in October. When a similar situation like this has come up in the past, Boards have elected to appoint a new Director, or wait until the annual election to fill the position, depending in the circumstances. Should the Board decide to fill the position by appointment, the process is spelled out in LH PRP 16, section N, taking time to print and mail paperwork to the community asking for interested parties to apply. If the Board receives applications from interested parties, the Board will select an applicant by a simple majority vote. The process will most likely take until late March or April.

The Board can also decide to leave the position vacant until the annual October election.

Recommendation:

If the Board is to select an applicant, at the earliest it would be at the March meeting by the time the search is completed. On the other hand, the annual election process by the community starts in August searching for candidates for the October election. With those two

options, I recommend leaving the seat open until the next community election cycle to fill the position.

Summary:

The Board is to decide whether to fill the seat vacated by Robert Middleton or leave the position vacant until the next election.

Motion:

I move the Board elects not to fill the open position until the next election cycle in October 2021.