

Status of Electronic Voting

May 25, 2021

BACKGROUND:

At the April Board Meeting, the LHCC Board of Directors approved exploring electronic voting and electronic communications as options for the 2021 election.

PROGRESS SINCE APRIL BOARD MEETING:

Platform Selection: The Nominating Committee reviewed several electronic voting platforms keeping in mind ease of use, security, auditability, cost, and other factors related to our requirements. The Committee has selected Election Buddy as being the best fit for our requirements. We have set up a sample election and have tested it within the Committee. We will be sending each Board member an email with voting credentials they can use to try out the platform and provide feedback to the Committee. These are the same emails that Members who elect to use electronic voting will receive. This will enable you to see firsthand how the electronic voting will work for those who choose to use it. There is no cost to run this sample “election”. The cost for the actual election will be about \$300.

NEXT STEPS:

1. Send Board members voting credentials for a sample “election” and solicit feedback from them. Make necessary changes based on Board feedback.
2. Work with Tech Committee to coordinate using the LHCC website to collect necessary information from members who wish to use electronic communication and electronic voting.
3. Put an article in the Newsletter explaining the advantages of electronic communications and electronic voting. The article will tell the Members to be on the lookout for a postcard telling them how they can participate in these electronic options that will now be offered.
4. Send postcards to Members
5. Draft recommended revisions to PRP 16 to address electronic voting.

RECOMMENDATION:

We recommend that the Board members try the sample election by the end of this week and provide feedback to the Nominating Committee so we can make any necessary adjustments and proceed with the other next steps.

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The LHCC Nominating Committee
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