

Minutes of Meeting of Election Committee

March 25, 2009

Mr. Engler called the meeting to order at 4:00pm. Present were Messrs. Engler and Pickell and Dr. Wood, constituting the whole committee. Mrs. Durfey and Messrs. Forbes and Padgett were in attendance.

The Chairman briefly reviewed procedures used in the 2009 Election and the security procedures for Proxy votes, and noted that from the Committee's perspective the procedures were well received and caused few problems. The new forms were drafted, revised and finalized over much time by Joe Gormley, then Chairman of this Committee, and Don Huprich, General Manager whose efforts were much appreciated by the Committee. He noted the need to consider some administrative changes. He acknowledged the invaluable assistance of Mrs. Durfey in preparing the Proxy forms and ballots and her general help in conducting the election.

The Committee then discussed a number of points raised by Mr. Engler and Resolved as follows:

- a. The number of counting teams will be increased to at least five (5) to reduce the delay between balloting and announcement of results.
- b. The Proxy form will be modified to emphasize the deadline and to request that electors using the Proxy print their names on the form.
- c. The instructions accompanying the Proxy material will likewise emphasize the proper procedure for completing the form.
- d. To avoid the apparent confusion of some electors, the two distinct proxy authorizations will be more clearly separated, perhaps on different sheets.

The exact form of these modifications to be drafted by Mr. Engler and submitted to the Committee for final approval in the Fall.

The Committee then discussed the timing of "Meet the Candidates". After discussion and noting the pros and cons of an early versus closer-to-election date, the Committee agreed that the latter was preferable and consistent with expressions from members of the community. It was therefore Resolved that the "Meet the Candidates" event be held on or about January 11, 2010.

There being no further business, the Meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:30pm.