

Rules Committee meeting minutes

September 21, 2011

The Rules Committee held a committee meeting on Wednesday, September 21, 2011. Eileen Fournier, Kim Hirschberg and Sharon McCormick were in attendance.

There was discussion regarding the nominees for CAG co-chair and the procedures for the election of the Co-chair position to be held Oct 5, 2011.

The committee reviewed the nominees, their eligibility and their willingness to serve, The findings are listed below.

The nominees for the Co-chair position are..

Peter Amento - Borough of Amber (did not accept nomination)

Gordon Chase - Ambler Business Association

Susan Curry- Ambler EAC (did not accept nomination)

David Froelich - Wissahickon Waterfowl Preserve

Otis Hightower- West Ambler Civic Association

Lynn Hoffmann - Mercer Hill Village Residents Association

Peter Lowry - Whitpain Residents Organization (has not yet accepted or declined nomination)

Sharon McCormick - Citizens for a Better Ambler (did not accept nomination)

Diane Morgan - Resident at large for Lower Gwynedd (did not accept nomination)

Sharon Vargas - American Legion Dowling Post (eligibility has not been resolved to date)

The committee also discussed the procedure for voting and during this discussion discrepancies in the rules as to agency voting were discovered in several areas of the current Rules document. The committee acknowledges that the language in the operating rules needs to be changed in order to obtain clear and consistent voting procedures but did not find it appropriate to do this until after the Oct CAG Meeting. It is not clear in the operating rules as to the whether or not the non-voting agencies participate in the election process for co-chair. It was decided that the Rules Committee chair ask the prior Rules committee chairs and/or the CAG members representing the agencies for clarification.

Eileen Fournier expressed concern regarding the membership attendance and members currently not in good standing. Ms Fournier wishes to bring to the attention of the co-chair's that the OCT reorganizational meeting should set aside time to discuss attendance and other housekeeping items.

It was decided by the committee that the ballot design for the election will list the nominees and ask for the membership to place an x next to only one name. In the event of a tie, the committee will conduct a run off ballot using index cards and the membership will write the name of their desired candidate.

Only the names of the candidates eligible in a run off election (ie the names of the candidates receiving the most votes) will be allowed and any other names used will be discounted.

The Committee listed items to be discussed for the Rules Committee Nov committee meeting. They are as follows:

1. non-voting agencies and their eligibilty to vote for membership and co-chair. language in the rules is currently inconsistent and needs to be cleaned up
2. quorum needed to vote on membership and co-chair. Currently the rules do not specify the need for a quorum during these election processes.
3. attendance and seats in jeaporady. members in jeoporady need to be notified and warned of possible dismissal before next year.
4. should members only in good standing allowed to be eligible for co-chair
5. are agency members allowed to be co-chair