

September 7, 2018

**ELECTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT**

**SUBMITTED BY:** STEVE HABEGER ELECTIONS COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON,  
**COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date Appointed</u>	<u>On term</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Steve Habeger	September 24, 2016	1	
Mark Heintz	September 24, 2016	1	
Rick Turner	December 9, 2016	1	
Brenda Wascak	February 25, 2018	1	
Ginger Sutula	March 29, 2018	1	

**BOARD LIAISON:** Slobodan Trendic

**SUBMITTED TO:** THE OCEAN PINES BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH RESOLUTION M-06 ELECTIONS AND  
REFERENDUMS PROCEDURES

1. Elections Report. The Chairperson shall submit to the Board of Directors,  
within thirty (30) days of any voting by ballot, a written report,

a. Detailed results of the voting

1. See attached chart for details of ballots

2. Results of Vote Count

a. Steve Tuttle – 2,322

b. Frank Daly – 2,048

c. Gregory Turner – 771

d. Paula Gray – 1,526

e. Esther Diller – 1,549

f. Ted Moroney – 1,809

g. Arie Klapholz – 833

3. The candidates elected to serve three-year terms on the Ocean Pines  
Board of Directors are Steve Tuttle and Frank Daly. Candidates  
elected to serve one-year terms (due to resignation of elected  
Directors) are Ted Moroney and Esther Diller.

4. All ballots and associated envelopes will be kept for a period of one year in the locked OPA Elections Committee (EC) File cabinet in the Administration Building. The ballots and envelopes from the 2017 election have been discarded.

2. Problems encountered with the tabulating and reporting system and any assistance required. The counting process went very smoothly, ballots rejected by the Scantron machine were reviewed by the Elections Committee and counted if a determination could be made as to the clear intent of the voter.

3. A summary of Committee activities during the reporting period and any recommendations for improving the election or referendum process.

As part of the annual review of Resolution M-06, the EC discussed options as to when the voting results are announced. The EC made presentations at BOD work sessions and BOD meetings. It was the OPA BOD decision to announce the ballot count results as soon as the ballot were counted.

The EC met eight times from November 2017 through September 2018. In addition, we hosted a candidate workshop with a draw for ballot order and one candidate forum.

Meeting agendas and meeting minutes were submitted to OPA and were posted as appropriate on the OPA website.

Board Director Slobodan Trendic was our liaison. He was able to attend most of our meetings and was of great help.

4. Recommendations, if any, for the calendar of events for the next election if the balloting was for the election of directors.

1. Clarify the process of how a recount can be requested and completed if and when that situation occurs.

2. Schedule candidate forums in the Assateague Room of the Community Center far in advance.

- Candidate Draw and Workshop are scheduled to be held June 7, 2019 at 11:00 am in the Marlin Room,
- The first Candidate Forum will be held at 7:00 – 9:00 pm on Wednesday June 12 in the Assateague Room and
- The second Candidate Forum will be held 10 am – noon on Saturday, June 22 in the Assateague Room.



3. Coordinate with the Candidate Search Committee and the Association Secretary to improve the recruiting and nomination process with particular attention on the Nomination Form that candidates use to apply for eligibility.

4. It is recommended that the BOD review any policies related to political/candidate ads in the OPA Quarterly newsletters. Further it the recommendation of the committee that all political, including BOD Candidate ads not be published in the newsletter.

5. Comments on the capabilities of the contractor used and a recommendation regarding future use of the contractor or suggested alternatives.

OPA engaged the service of two contractors in order to conduct the election.

For the purposes of operating the Scantron Machine used to count the ballots: John Connell of BDK, IT Consultant/Operator of the Scantron machine.

For printing and mailing services as well as picking up and sorting ballots:

ACE Printing & Mailing

Thom Gulyas

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6. Fiscal performance.

The 2018 election was accomplished within the approved budget. The election cost \$13,351.91; \$15,000 was budgeted.

## **OPA Ballot Report for 2018 election**

### **Overview**

Number of ballots mailed	7614
Scantron Count	3105
Manual count	14
Total number of ballots counted	3119

41% Ballot Return Rate

### **Rejected ballots**

No box marked	0
Ballot marked improperly or comments on ballot	8
Improper envelope used	1
Voted for more than allowed number of candidates	4
Write-in attempt	1
Total number of invalid ballots	14

	Received	Received beyond deadline
9-Aug	One day late	31
10-Aug	Two days late	16
11-Aug	Three days late	9
	Four days late	5
	over 1 week	1
	over 2 weeks	1
	over 3 weeks	3

Total late 66

Total late + invalid ballots 80