Board Policy Monitoring - Policy C10: Process for Distributing a Petition

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A member has the right to call a special meeting by submitting a petition signed by 10 percent of the membership. If the member wants access to member contact information in order to circulate a petition, they must comply with the following process. (Compliance with the sub-policies will demonstrate compliance with the top-level policy). Comments (Optional):

4 responses

This hasn't ever come up, so I think we are in compliance. Melinda

This is good to understand, but has not happened lately.

This doesn't seem like a C policy; only subpolicy C10.5 involves Board Process and it's redundant with the Bylaws anyway. This actually seems more like an Executive Limitations policy, like we should be making sure the GM "does not operate without" a mechanism for owners to call a special meeting in this way.--Cheyne

I can really only guess at whether we are in compliance with this, as I don't know if any Coop member is trying to call a special meeting. This is an instance of when the board monitoring process seems like it's creating more work than necessary.

8 out of 10 participants have taken this survey.

C10.1) A petition must clearly state the purpose of the meeting.

8 responses

C10.1) Comments (optional):

1 response

In compliance because we have this policy, even though it hasn't been applied lately.

C10.2) The petitioner must collect signatures from at least 2% of Co-op members. Signature gathering will not be allowed in the store, and Co-op resources will not be used to help gather these signatures.

8 responses

C10.2) Comments (optional):

2 responses

The initial statement says that the petition must be signed by 10% of the members which makes this statement confusing. I would add words to the effect that the 2% signature number is to get approval to distribute the petition to all members.

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C10.3) The petition will be presented to the General Manager to validate the signatures. The signature validation will be done within 21 days.

8 responses

C10.3) Comments (optional):

1 response

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C10.4) If the required number of signatures is validated, the Co-op resources will be used to distribute the petition to the full membership. If the petitioner desires, the Co-op will send a postal mailing to members at the petitioner's expense. Signatures will be validated by the General Manager within 21 days of submission.

8 responses

C10.4) Comments (optional):

1 response

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C10.5) If the required number of members sign the petition, the Board will call a special meeting in accordance with the bylaws. Electronic voting will be available.

8 responses

C10.5) Comments (optional):

2 responses

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Technically the Bylaws say the Board "may" call a special meeting in response to 10% of members signing a petition, though I can't imagine the Board wouldn't in such a case.--Cheyne