Nominations & Elections Committee notes
10.19.2020
Present: Mark (Chair), Rob, Julia, Idgi (PO), Erin (PO), Carol (PO), Chloe (Board Admin)

Ranked Choice Voting:
Rob gave an overview of what Matthew (IT) shared is possible with the current voting system. He said the current voting software has an option for ranked choice voting already within it, but the cost of a "dry run" is equal to the cost of a full election.

Action: Rob can create an illustration or sample survey of how the ranked choice voting process will work to share at the November Board meeting.

The committee confirmed they would like to recommend this style of voting to the Board for the 2021 election, and would like to also write a small blurb/review of ranked choice voting to accompany the digital vote. This short blurb will also be added to the voting pamphlet.

Update on Julia's Letter & the List:
Julia provided an update on the status of the letter she crafted to recruit candidates to the Board. Julia sent the letter out to her compiled list of underrepresented groups. She has heard back from the LGBTQA Office and Native American Student Service Center at the University of Idaho.

Julia shared a brief review of the feedback she's received from the two groups - it was very positive.

Addition to SOP:
The committee discussed the appointment process, and how the appointment timeline is

Action: Idgi will write a paragraph to add to the SOP to illustrate how appointments can be made after the current cut-off time, but not seated until their fingerprints are cleared.

Discussion on moving meeting time:
The committee briefly discussed moving the monthly meeting from 5 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. The committee will keep the current time slot of 5 p.m.

Additional topics:

The committee discussed how to plan for a virtual Candidate Forum:

- Idea to have candidates separated into break-out rooms and allow the public to ask questions
- Having all questions pre-decided and sent to candidates so they have a moment to read them
- Questions submitted through text only to the moderator, and the moderator asks the questions to particular candidates
- Alternating between set up break-out rooms for questions and allowing break-out rooms just for socializing

- Preference to not break candidates up into break-out rooms, because it's valuable for candidates to hear other candidates answer questions
- Opportunity for each candidate to have a time space (10 minutes or so) for them to answer questions, before moving on to the next candidate's 10 minutes
- Using YouTube Live, or Facebook/Instagram Live to stream the forum
- Incentivizing participation by giving $5 gift card or free hot drink
- Enter everyone who attends into a raffle for a larger gift card
- Free cookies!
- Stickers to go along with cookies

Other questions:

- Is there a budget outlined for this event?
- What are the logistics for giving everyone a gift card?