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To: IIMC Board of Directors

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Date: September 19, 2022

Subject: 2022/2023 Election Midyear Report



Review of Results of Voting on Constitutional Amendments

Background:

At the 2022 IIMC Annual Business Meeting in Little Rock, Arkansas, the following proposed constitutional amendments were recommended for adoption by a majority of delegates present.

1a. Shall Article III REGIONS, Section 1. Geographic Regions, be amended by substitution?

1b. Shall Article IV BOARD OF DIRECTORS, Section 1. Composition, be amended by substitution?

2. Shall Article VIII, QUALIFICATIONS, NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS, Section 1, Qualification of Candidates for Vice President, Subsection E, be amended by inserting "in their current position or another position that qualifies them as a Full Member or Additional Full Member," before "during the term" and by inserting "Vice President" before "President-Elect"?

3. Shall Article VIII, QUALIFICATIONS, NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS Section 2, Qualification of Candidate for Region Director, Subsection E, be amended by inserting "in their current position or another position that qualifies them as a Full Member or Additional Full Member," before "during the term?"

4a. Shall the constitution be amended by inserting a new Article XIII, ELECTRONIC MEETINGS and renumbering subsequent articles?

4b. Shall ARTICLE X, Annual Business Meeting, be amended by striking out "in-person"?

Members had 60 days following the annual business meeting to vote separately on each of the four proposals. Two-thirds of voting members had to vote in the affirmative for the amendments to pass. The amendments would take effect, if passed, 61 days after the annual meeting.

The Election Committee was tasked with the following:

1. Reviewing the voting results to determine if the amendments received the required 2/3 of those voting.
2. Report those results to Executive Director Shalby so that the Constitution can be updated and the information be distributed to the members.

Discussion:

The Committee met via Zoom on Thursday, August 4, to review the voting results on the constitutional amendments. On a motion by Wonsor and a second by Hooker, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the dissemination of the voting results on the amendments to the membership as each of the amendments received the required 2/3 vote of the voting members.

Review of Election Materials for Two Candidates Running for 2023 Vice-President**Background:**

On August 8, Election Committee Vice-Chair Hondorp and I received an email from IIMC Executive Director Chris Shalby regarding the use of photographs by two candidates running for IIMC Vice-President in 2023 and asked us to review the materials with our committee to determine if either or both of the photos were in compliance with existing policy.

The two specific policies we were asked to review these items in light of are:

- C. All election materials from candidates or anyone acting on behalf of the candidates must be submitted to IIMC staff before distribution to IIMC members. Materials include, but are not limited to, candidate brochures, biographies, letters and emails of support, news releases, photographs, websites, etc. If the information provided does not meet IIMC standards of propriety, the Executive Director will submit the information to the Election Committee for their final recommendation.
- D. Neither Executive Committee members nor Region Directors, by group or individually, may endorse or provide assistance to any declared candidate and may not be mentioned in any election materials. Photographs of presentations by an Executive Committee member are an exception and will need to be pre-approved prior to distribution.

Members of the Committee via email reviewed the election materials in light of the existing policy and provided feedback. The comments were sent to ED Shalby. A majority of members felt that the photos did not violate current policy. Several, however, did provide questions/suggestions about revising the policy in the future to be a clearer as to intent.

Financial: There are no financial impacts from the above tasks.

Summary: The Election Committee makes the following recommendations:

1. The Committee voted unanimously to transmit the results of the votes on the constitutional amendments to IIMC staff to be incorporated in the Constitution and distributed to the membership.
2. The Committee reviewed the election materials from two candidates for Vice-President, and a majority determined that the materials did not violate current policy. However, it was expressed by more than one member that a clarification of the pertinent election policies in question may be required at a later date.

I thank the Committee Members for their work on these tasks and Board Liaisons, Montejo and Rhude, Staff Liaisons, Miranda and Pantaleon for their input and guidance.

Management's Recommendations:

We appreciate the Committee's vetting and approving the Constitutional Amendments for distribution and the review of the Elections and Campaigning policy. We agree and recommend that the Board direct this Committee to review the current Elections and Campaigning policies prior to the next election cycle.