

Below is a letter I delivered to the PIPOA Board. It formally requests the re-establishment of the Elections Committee. I feel it is of extreme importance that our election process is controlled by the Members and not the Board, just as our original PIPOA ByLaws required. It is sad that we have to ask the Board to return a right that they took from us, but there it is.

If you agree that the right to manage and control our elections should reside with the Members, PLEASE voice this opinion directly to the Board. Their contact information can be found here <http://padreislespoa.net/contact/> just click on the Board of Directors tab. Or contact me and I can provide the contact information as well.

Responding on social media is all well and good, but nothing beats an email with an opinion voiced directly. Thanks!

Items needed

- 1) Investigate alternative forms of voting
- 2) Positive response of ballot receipt if requested
- 3) Remove Board Member names as "preferred" proxies

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September 25, 2017

I formally ask the Padre Isles Property Owner Association 2017 Board of Directors to reinstate the Elections Committee as a standing committee.

Prior to 2013, our ByLaws required the formation of an Elections Committee. Over the last few years, there has been an increasing and welcome involvement by our community in the process of our annual election.

Members of the Board are directly impacted by the results so it is inappropriate for the Board, any person who directly reports to the Board or any entity which has an ongoing business relationship with the PIPOA to be directly involved with our election process.

Having the Board manage and oversee our election is analogous to having the White House manage and oversee the presidential election. The conflicts are immediately apparent. An election process must avoid any perception of influence or favoritism.

An autonomous Elections Committee is needed.

There were no specifics in the pre-2013 ByLaws as to the organization of this committee. And, as stated above, it would also be inappropriate for the Board to solely determine the committee organization, so as a Member, this is what I would recommend.

- 1) All meetings are open. The committee determines its own schedule and rules of governance, but must abide by all current Texas laws as well as our ByLaws.
- 2) Committee Members must be Members of the PIPOA and not existing Board Members.
- 3) The Committee will have full control of design, implementation, execution and certification of the election process.

- 4) Committee Members are as follows:
  - a. One Member plus one per announced Candidate, these Members chosen randomly from a pool of Members who volunteer to serve.
  - b. One Member per announced candidate, that Member being nominated by the Candidate, but cannot be the Candidate themselves.
- 5) Once the election is complete, the current committee is disbanded. But the existence of the standing committee remains for future elections.

All local, state and national elections that we participate in are run by entities that are autonomous from the entity being elected. This is critical to our expectation of free, open and honest elections. We should expect no less from our PIPOA.

I ask this item be added to the agenda of the October Board meeting for discussion and vote so that the Elections Committee can be immediately established for our upcoming election in March 2018.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kelly A. McFadden". The signature is written in dark ink and includes a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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