

Eblast on Election Process—October 8, 2021

Our annual RECOA Board of Directors election is coming soon with the results announced at the Annual Meeting on Saturday, November 20, 2021. There are seven RECOA board members elected to a three-year term. This year only one of the current directors is up for re-election and it is for the at-large position currently held by Leslie Brown. The deadline to submit your name for the election is Saturday, October 9, which means that early next week we will provide owners with a list of those running.

We have been communicating election news through weekly eblasts and will continue that practice up until the election. Below are some updates on the election.

Election Timeline

Once we have a final list of candidates, the election process begins. In the 2020 election, Joe Kosanovic filmed a short video for each candidate and posted them to the RECOA website giving them the opportunity to introduce themselves and speak to what they would like to accomplish on the board. We had good feedback on the videos and Joe is willing to do it again. As soon as those videos are complete, we will post them on the website.

On **November 1** owners will receive an email to the email address registered to their billing account with a link to vote electronically. There will be weekly reminder emails after that date that will stop once you've voted. There will also be communication prior to November 1 giving owners information to make sure they've got the right email address on file.

Electronic Voting.

In 2020, the RECOA board approved an ad hoc Election Review Committee (ERC) to review the current election process and suggest changes for the future. One of those suggestions was that we move toward electronic voting for the 2021 election. At the beginning of 2021 the RECOA board asked a new ERC to review electronic voting vendors. At the April 2021 meeting, the RECOA board approved Simply Voting for the 2021 election. Thanks to the 2021 ERC for their work—Betty McKittrick (chair), Mike Fetrow, Jim Parrinello, and Janet White. Here are answers to common questions about electronic voting:

Why are we interested in electronic voting? The old process involves paying a direct mail firm to print and mail ballots. Ballots were returned in sealed envelopes and counted by a small group of owners with no owner counting ballots in the area where they live. The result was shared at the Annual Meeting. The process had a lot of steps and expense. Electronic voting has the ability to simplify and strengthen the process.

Will electronic voting save us money or cost us more money? The cost is about the same. However, the staff and owner time involved is significantly less with electronic voting.

Can we have confidence in the results of electronic voting? Yes. Simply Voting, the selected vendor, has extensive experience with elections for over 2,500 organizations in 58 countries

including many Homeowner Associations like ours. Simply Voting provides a secure code for voting purposes for each voting lot.

How do I know that RECOA has my correct email address? The email address used for the election is the primary email that the management office has listed for your address. It's part of same contact information they use for your billing and other mailings. Per the by-laws there is only one vote per address, only one email will be used for each address. You can check here to see if we have your correct email [https://frontsteps.cloud/CaliberWeb2 ECM](https://frontsteps.cloud/CaliberWeb2_ECM), or email ownerservices@eagle-crest.com

What about my email address listed in the owner directory on the website? The owner directory is an optional resource for owners where they can provide email addresses and other information for all members of the household. This is different than the primary e-mail list mentioned in the previous question.

What if I don't want to vote electronically? The email you receive from Simply Voting will provide an option for voting by phone.

What if I don't have an email address? We will work with Simply Voting to send you a letter via U.S. Mail with a security code and details as to how you can vote.

What if I own more than one property within RECOA? You will receive a separate email and security code for each property.