

MATC Election Committee Meeting Minutes

Sunday November 25, 2007

Meeting called to order at 10:00 AM

Present: Stephen, Bob, Heather & Ciro

Quorum was met.

No previous meeting minutes were available to review or approval.

Meeting Agenda:

We approved that phone calls to candidates is appropriate form of communication. We approved on line voting as method for decision making.

Vet the list of members seeking to be candidates for the 2008 Board election.

We vetted Siamak Pourabdollah's application for candidacy as Director of Operations. His candidacy was disqualified based upon that he was not a current club member as of the October 1st deadline per the constitution. The EC discussed, reviewed and approved an EC email being sent to him notifying him of his application for candidacy disqualification.

We vetted the other applicants for candidacy in this order:

Hirak Parikh – President
Aleric Soans – Vice President
Eileen Trzcinski – Vice President
Solveig Heinz – Treasurer
Rahul Mhaskar – Registration Officer

We reviewed each person's application for candidacy. It was moved and seconded to approve the above list of applications as vetted and approved 2008 MATC Board Candidates – Motion passed unanimously.

We vetted Anjali Purkayastha last since we did not have clear communication from her on what office or offices she was running for. The EC agreed to email her and to also call Anjali to get her decision of which office she wanted to run for. Stephen Kerns, chair called and left a voice mail message. Stephen made a second phone call and reached Anjali. Stephen asked her choose between the Vice President's position or the Director of Operations position. She told Stephen that she chose the Vice President position – that is what he heard from her. Anjali Purkayastha's application for candidacy was reviewed, discussed and approved in a separate motion. An email notifying her of her approval for the VP position was sent.

The concept of Rolling Voting was discussed so as to resolve a potential situation with a candidate not being able to decide upon which or both offices to run for. The summary of Rolling Voting process is as follows:

Rolling Voting process whereby each office position will be elected in a defined sequence so that a person is only running for one office at a time. A person who does not win their first office as a vetted candidate and has applied for more than one office can then run for the second office. The sequence is President, Vice President, Treasurer, Registration Officer and Director of Operations. Thus this voting process is congruent with the MATC Constitution in that a candidate is only running for one office at a time. According to Stephen this is the accepted voting process and practice in UM student organizations to assure that there are enough organization members elected to fill the needed student club officer positions.

We discussed and then approved the concept and the process of Rolling Voting but not of implementing yet.

Announcement made to MATC - We discussed and approved an EC email to the MATC notifying them of the opening for the Director of Operations office. With the new deadline of Tuesday November 27th at noon for accepting candidates for this position.

We discussed and approved the Open Forum meeting for approved candidates and email sent to the MATC and a second email to each of the candidates. Open Forum will be on Wednesday November 28th 6:30 PM – 7:00 PM and the candidates will have three minutes to present themselves and their platform and two minutes each to respond to questions from the attendees.

No future meeting date or time was set at this time but post meeting the EC decided to hold its next meeting on Wednesday November 28th at 9:45 PM at Angel Hall in one of the vacant dance classrooms.

Meeting adjourned at 11:25 AM