

## GLA Election Committee Minutes – May 20, 2026

The meeting opened at 6:02 pm by Zane Curry.

Committee Members Present: Lance Rushmeyer, Jewel Wieczorek, Debbie Newby, Linda Kremer

Committee Members Absent: Tyson Wright, Ben Buford (attended final 20 mins of meeting)

Landowner Attendance: Jaylyn Jensen (attended final hour of meeting)

Zane noted that we needed to elect a chairperson and asked for nominations. None forthcoming. Zane nominated himself and Linda seconded. Carried unanimously. In opening statements, Zane explained that the reasoning for postponing the committee meetings until this date was to allow the governing docs committee time to finish their work, so as to streamline all committee work and prevent unnecessary revisions to a proposed 2026 election process

Linda volunteered to take notes and draft minutes.

Zane also noted that items 8, 9, and 10 from the agenda would likely roll into item 1, and added item 1a to schedule two more committee meetings prior to the June 23 BOD meeting.

Working through the agenda:

Item 1: 2026 Election Timeline, including Items 8, 9, &10.

The following schedule was drafted using the previous year as a guide:

- July 1** Nominations for balloted candidates are opened
- August 31** Nominations for balloted candidates are closed  
(Interim) Prepare ballots for distribution
- October 1** Mail ballots to community members
- November 3** Voting closed
- November 4-5** ATS counts ballots and sends initial results to BOD  
Upon BOD review and approval ATS certifies results
- November 5-6** BOD confirms elected candidates will serve
- November 6-8** Election is announced to the community via eblast

The transition period after the election, and before the first meeting of the new BOD was given much thoughtful discussion. Consideration was given to holiday and family schedules, passing key information to the new BOD, timing needed for the new treasurer to prepare to send out assessments in January, the new board electing officers and taking on committee assignments, scheduling the final BOD meeting of the current year, the seating of the new board members, and scheduling the annual community meeting. It is a small window of time when numerous crucial events are sequencing.

The following post-election schedule was then drafted:

- November 17** GLA BOD meeting for 2026 Directors
- November 21** Annual Meeting of the Community (in-person), Introduction of 2027 Directors  
(Thanksgiving is November 26)

These dates were discussed as options for the new board, allowing for smooth transition through December:

- December 8** Final BOD meeting for 2026 Directors with 2027, Directors seated at the end of the meeting, and 2027 officers elected by 2027 Directors.
- December 15** Scheduled 1st meeting for 2027 BOD, tentative and at the discretion of 2027 Directors

Item 2: Voting Instructions for ATS

Jaylyn would like to join this committee. After nomination and approval in committee and acceptance by the board, she would join Linda, and lead in reviewing, editing, finalizing or creating anew these instructions. Past year's files are available as templates. Consensus discussion was to keep the instructions clear and straightforward, reflecting that last year's version seemed overly complex. This document takes *2nd priority* in our timing.

### Item 3: Implementation Plan for Voting Instructions

In the 2025 ballot count, mistakes were made by ATS staff. They have requested that representatives from the GLA be present in the 2026 counting of ballots to help ensure the procedural instructions are being followed. This committee agreed, and will select "observers", one each from NG and SG, during the September 2026 committee meeting, giving time for approval by the BOD.

Discussion suggested that when a ballot is returned to ATS, and deemed "Not Eligible" it:

- 1) SHOULD NOT BE OPENED
- 2) Should be marked with indelible RED marker "NOT ELIGIBLE" and with an "X" drawn across the envelope
- 3) Should be retained by the GLA BOD should questions arise.

**(FYI, All election materials are kept in a Banker's Box which is sealed and given to the GLA Board for retention at the conclusion of the Election.)**

### Item 4: Nomination Packet and Deadline

This packet takes *1st priority* in our timing. Zane, Jewel, Linda, and Jaylyn (after BOD approval) will take this up.

### Item 5: Ballot Document

This is *3rd priority* in our timing. It may need input after the governing docs committee completes their proposed governing docs revisions. Zane, Jewel, Linda, and Jaylan (as BOD approved) will create this document.

NOTE: Our hope is to have all documents and packets ready for BOD approval at the June 23 board meeting. We will work toward that goal!

### Items 6 and 7: Timing and Frequency of Notifications

Consensus of the committee is to "over-communicate" with the community throughout the election cycle. (And include the timeline with every communication)

<b>July 1</b>	Send a singular, dedicated election related eblast
<b>July 1</b>	Mailer goes out with nomination packet enclosed
<b>July 14 - Sept 15</b>	Repeat eblasts every two weeks as a singular, dedicated announcement
<b>Oct 1</b>	Mail Ballots and enclose deadline instructions
<b>Oct 1 - October 31</b>	Weekly dedicated election only blasts sent to Members
<b>Nov 3</b>	Close of Voting

Jaylyn joined the meeting at ~7:07pm

Additional Item: Zane moved and Lance seconded that Jaylyn be added to the Election Committee. Carried Unanimously. Zane will take her nomination to the BOD.

Ben Buford joined the meeting at ~ 7:44pm

Item 1a: Set Two More Committee Meetings Before June 23

a consensus was reached for these meeting dates:

June 7 @ 4pm

June 15 @ 6pm

Motion to adjourn: Zane 2nd: Linda Carried unanimously. 8:05pm