

Member Services Committee Meeting, November 17, 2022, 9:30am

Officer Elections to include actual tally when announcing election results

Discussion – Raised by the Western Region

Western Regional Breakfast Meeting notes indicate that their members would like to have a report out of actual vote tallies by candidate versus simply announcing the winner with no detail. They agreed on this issue by a majority vote during that meeting and asked that this be brought forth for discussion.

Group discussed what the pros and cons of sharing results of elections with the membership would be. Joe Stone reported that the Western Region came to him with this idea. He felt there was no reason why the results should not be included when winners of elections were announced.

Motion was made to include the total number of votes per candidate when announcing winners of CMHA Elections.

Discussion took place after the motion was made. Suggestion was made that the announcement could be made of the winner, with the offer that tallies were available if anyone wished to know them. Those who wanted this information could see the Clerk for those totals.

Motion was amended to have the announcement state who the winner is, along with the offer that final election result numbers are available, and that the election results are final.

Discussion continued, with group recognizing that just because this suggestion was brought forth does not mean that any action needs to take place, or a motion be made. Group felt that losers of elections may find out their numbers (if low) and may be discouraged from running again or having any other involvement in Association activities. Others stated this was a good point, but that having results available after any election in general, was a level of transparency. Majority of the group felt that having the numbers made available to those who wanted to see them would be an acceptable solution.

One member called the question.

Chair Nena Sork called for a vote of the amended Motion on the Floor.

MOTION CARRIED with one nay.

Appoint Vice Co-Chair (must be a Director) to replace Nena Sork – Bob Sheehan – **ACTION ITEM**

Discussion of replacement for Nena Sork – Connie Conklin indicated possible interest in this position

Connie stated that as a current Co-Chair for Children's Issues, she would like to see another Director be allowed to become involved. She asked Tammy Warner if she would be interested. Tammy stated she would be.

Group voted to appoint Tammy Warner as Director Vice Co-Chair of the Members Services Committee

Other

Suggestion to change the name of the "Go To Bat" Award to the "Greg Adams Advocacy" Award

Bob Sheehan stated that Lenawee CMH recently reached out with an idea to rename to the Go To Bat award. Group reviewed the information sent by Lenawee on this request. Cathy Kellerman suggested that this could be called the Greg Adams Go To Bat Award.

Joe Stone cautioned that when you start renaming Awards, Buildings, etc., you open the door for leaving out other "champions" for a particular cause. Group continued to discuss, agreeing that it may be best to leave the award named as it is. Group agreed by consensus to leave the award named as it is. Bob Sheehan will contact Amy at Lenawee to inform them of this decision.

CMHA Member logo – Bob Sheehan showed the logo to the group as an informational "heads up". Group asked if this would link to Association website. Monique clarified that it would only do that if the member agency using it makes it link to the Associations website.

Group discussed ideas for PAC donations, suggesting providing envelopes for Board Members who insist on continuing to write checks as opposed to using the online Credit Card feature. Group also discussed bringing back CEO Roundtables for new Directors, which could include education on PAC, its importance, and how to encourage donations.

Craig Reiter spoke briefly about needing to encourage more Board Members to participate in the Boardworks program.

Wil Morris spoke briefly about the fact that CMHA is more than a paid advocacy agency – they create collaborative relationships, promote positive BH components, etc. This needs to be highlighted more prominently. Bob Sheehan suggested creating a PowerPoint to do that.

Cathy Kellerman gave a brief report on the Persons Served Advisory Committee stating that Malkia Newman would like to create a video showing how major decisions affect the actual person served in the public mental health system.

Linda Busch asked if hybrid conferences would be offered in the future. Bob stated that they would not. She also stated that the Hotel part of the Traverse Resort was getting very rundown.

Parking Lot Items

Any topics that the group would like to add to future agendas can be placed here.

- 2022 Fall Conference Evaluations – add to January agenda (Chris Ward)
- Discussion of ending conference at 1pm instead of 2pm – add to January agenda (Chris Ward)

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Member Services Committee is scheduled for Thursday, January 19, 2023 at 9:30am. This meeting will be held in-person and via Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 10:31am.