

Nominations and Elections Committee Report for AGM

The N&E Committee began 2015 still seeking more volunteers to serve, but were unsuccessful twice. We were able to finally meet for our first meeting in mid-May and set about immediately to focus on the most important event of the SVCA year – the annual AGM, to be held November 7, 2015. By our first meeting, we were able to welcome a fourth volunteer to committee.

Our first meeting focused on the election calendar for 2015, to verify specific deadlines and events to ensure smooth processes up to and including the day itself. The Master Counter was already identified and bids were solicited from various printers for preparation of the ballot

In the June meeting, we developed the acknowledgment letter to candidate applicants. July 6th was the first date to begin receiving applications and September 8th was the last day to file. At 4:31 p.m. applications were opened, applicants were certified as eligible and the names of Board candidates were drawn to establish the order in which their names would be reflected on the ballot.

The "Official Ballot" envelopes were mailed to our members on October 1, 2015, as required.

Two Candidates' Forums, moderated by the Communications Committee, were held in October to give our members the opportunity to meet the candidates and ask questions specific to their desire to serve and their respective vision for the Valley. Two Town Halls were also held to allow members to ask questions specific to the budget, proposed dues increase, and anything else associated with any of the measures proposed for consideration.

It has been an honor and a challenge to serve as acting Chair this year. It is clear and should be noted that N&E performs a vital and very important function for Sudden Valley. Continued enhancements and updates to the N&E Manual itself are key to maintaining the integrity and the efficiency of its processes. I am certain the newly elected members will be addressing this overdue task as soon as practicable.