



Nominating Committee Meeting Minutes
April 19 2016 Ten Pin Conference Room

Present

Board: Leah Stamper and Cheri Strong

Staff: Melanie Bettenhausen, Alisha Stafford and Bella Waters

Meeting commenced at 1:12pm

Minute approval. **Consensus reached to approve March 22, 2016 minutes.**

Follow-up from Board meeting. Committee reviewed revised brochures for both employee and general candidates. Committee determined September 9th at 6:30 for the Candidate Forum, to be followed up with a showing of *Food for Change* movie. Co-op will provide popcorn and staff will look into having the mobile kombucha cart available. No other changes made to brochures.

Tabling policy and campaign brochure review. Leah presented the tabling policy and discussion included:

- Policy is intentionally broad, which is fine as long as there's clear decision makers (Nominating Committee Chair)
- Recommending a change to the Board Policy Manual from 25 feet to 15 feet from ballot box and five feet from entrances to stores. **Consensus reached to recommend that the Board decrease the campaigning restriction of 25 feet to 15 feet from the ballot box in the Board Policy Manual and that the Board include campaigning restriction of no campaigning within five feet of any entrances to the stores in Board Policy Manual.**
- Committee was okay with election materials on tables, but recommended that the policy needed a clear statement that only the voting member is allowed to deposit their ballot in the ballot box. Candidates or people assisting the candidates are not allowed to assist with that.
- Tabling policy will be included in a new Campaigning brochure, which staff will start working on.
- Need to address lack of Eureka free speech zone since that space is called out in the policy.
- Tabling areas inside the store need to be fair to everyone. Ideal place in Arcata would be where the green baskets are (between the grab n' go fridge and Soaptopia display) and in the foyer area in Eureka. If an issue arises with those spaces Alisha is the contact person. Education with front end will be needed and staff will work on that. Education will also include that candidates who reserve free speech zone have priority, but they cannot bump someone from the free speech zone if they just show up.
- Nominating Committee Chair is contact for accommodation requests.
- Co-op will provide table and chairs to encourage campaigning and make it more accessible for people, perhaps those whose transportation is solely bike or public transportation.

Next Steps. Staff will work on campaign brochure, to be reviewed at the next Nominating Committee meeting. Policy will be included with meeting minutes in May board packet, but board approval of policy is not necessary.

Next meeting: Mon June 20 or Tuesday June 21st 1pm at Ten Pin Conference Room.

Meeting adjourned at 2:45pm

Minutes by Bella Waters

Recommendation for Board:

1. That the Board decrease the campaigning restriction of 25 feet to 15 feet from the ballot box in the Board Policy Manual.
2. That the Board include campaigning restriction of no campaigning within five feet of any entrances to the stores in Board Policy Manual.

Tabling Policy

Tabling is a form of campaigning in which the candidate sits behind a table and provides information to prospective voters. Typically, the candidate provides information about the election and why member-owners should vote for them.

Any candidate who has been determined eligible to run for the Board of Directors may choose to, as a part of their campaign, table at both the Arcata and/or Eureka store.

Tabling may occur at any time during normal store hours.

No tabling activities may occur within 15 feet of the ballot box or 5 feet of any entrances to the stores.

Candidates may be allowed to table in areas outside the free speech zones, which is an activity that is generally restricted.

Tabling activities will be encouraged to occur outside of the store, weather permitting. If necessary, exceptions may be made to allow tabling activities inside the store buildings as long as it is outside of the above stated parameters for tabling and placement does not interfere with normal business operations.

Tabling space in the free speech zone may be reserved in advance with Customer Service at the appropriate store. Table and chairs are available for candidate use.

Tabling is encouraged for all candidates. If an accommodation is needed, please notify the Nominating Committee by contacting board@northcoast.coop.

While tabling, candidates may provide voting materials but voter must carry own ballot to ballot box. Anything else is considered proxy voting and prohibited in our bylaws.