

JAC Election Review Special Committee Report

Summary of proposed changes:

- Contested Officer Elections are “On-Line” using a “Majority” voting process
- Contested Board Elections are “On-Line” using a “Plurality” voting process
- Elections start 2 to 3-days after the last respective nominations meeting is adjourned and run for 7 to 9-days depending on the number of membership meetings scheduled
- Officer and Board Elections results are announced at the Regular Meeting following the conclusion of the election
- Board Voting separates candidates running for “Previous President” seats and “Open” seats
- Special Elections are discussed at the end of this report

2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Alex President	Jeff President	Vinnie President	President	President
Jeff Vice President	John Vice President	Matt Vice President	Vice President	Vice President
Phil Secretary	Phil Secretary	Phil (2 years) Secretary		(2 years) Secretary
Dave (1 years) Treasurer	Dave (2 years) Treasurer		(2 years) Treasurer	
Steve Immediate Past President	Alex Immediate Past President	Jeff Immediate Past President	Vinnie Immediate Past President	TBD Immediate Past President
Guy (1 years) Past President	Eli (1 years) Past President	Walt (2 years) Past President		(2 years) Past President
Cheryl (1 years) Past President	Greg (1 years) Past President	Alex ? (2 years) Past President		(2 years) Past President
Greg (1 years) Past President	Cheryl (2 years) Past President		(2 years) Past President	
(1 years) Member	Guy (2 years) Member		(2 years) Member	
(1 years) Member	(1 years) Member	Sonja (2 years) Member		(2 years) Member

Figure 1 - Election Summary by year

Background

The JAC 2020 and 2021 elections were not carried out in an efficient manner. The elections did not go smoothly, the election process at the 2021 meeting became very confusing. As a result, President Vinnie DiPrenda appointed a JAC Election Review Special Committee. The committee members are Dave Williamson, Robert McHugh, and Walt Szablowski.

Purpose and Charter

The purpose of the JAC Election Review Special Committee is to look at how BOD and officer elections are conducted within the JAC. The committee will present a blueprint going forward on how the elections could be changed to produce:

1. More fair results
2. Simplicity in the process
3. Indisputable results
4. Ability for more of the voting population to participate in elections
5. Tabulation of results
6. Confidentiality of results
7. Confidence in the results

The Current Process as defined in the Bylaws

The nominations for officers and elections of officers are held in November. The President and Vice President are elected to one-year terms, The Treasurer and Secretary are elected to two-year terms, the terms are staggered. The Treasurer is elected in even years (2022). The secretary is elected in odd years. (2021)

In even years the officer election slate is: President, Vice President, Treasurer.

In odd years the officer election slate is: President, Vice President, Secretary.

The Board members are nominated and elected in December. The Board member term is 2 years.

In even years, 2 "Past President" director positions are elected, and one "open" director position is elected.

In odd years, 1 "Past President" director position is elected, and one "open" director position is elected.

The current election process has served the JAC very well. We are an 84-year-old active and growing club. Our traditions as reflected in the bylaws and flying rules obviously work, they brought us to where we are. Changing a club process needs to be very carefully considered and debated before changes are

made. Yet, over the years the club did make major changes. Scheduling systems evolved, payment systems evolved, in 2020, meetings went from physical to virtual. And for the first time we tried electronic voting in November of 2020.

Proposed Election and Nomination Meeting Changes – the Blueprint

These proposed changes are presented and then discussed in relationship to the goals listed in the charter.

Officer Elections:

- 1 Seven days prior to the Regular November nomination meeting, the Secretary will send an E-Mail presenting the Nomination Committees' candidates for officer positions.
- 2 In the E-Mail will be a request that any member in good standing choosing to run for an officer position should submit their name to the Secretary by e-mail prior to the nomination meeting.
- 3 At the November Membership/Nominations meeting, the Nominating Committee will present the nominees and the Secretary will present the nominations received by e-mail.
- 4 The President will request any additional members in good standing desiring to run to make their names known.
- 5 After all nominations are identified, the President will ask for a motion to close nominations.
- 6 After the final closing of nominations, if there are one or more candidates running unopposed, a motion may be made from the floor to direct the secretary to cast one ballot for the unopposed candidates and, if the motion passes, those candidates are elected.
- 7 The voting members in good standing as of the date of the nomination meeting are eligible to vote.
- 8 Voting for the contested officer nominees will utilize a web-based online election process like "electionbuddy.com" or equivalent.
- 9 The voting methods used will be "Majority".
- 10 Runoff elections, between the 2 candidates receiving the largest number of votes, are held if no officer candidate receives a majority of votes cast.
- 11 Officer elections begin approximately 2-days after the adjournment of the nominating meeting and will run for approximately 7-days, thus leaving time for a run-off election should one be necessary.

Director Elections

- 1 Seven days prior to the Regular December nomination meeting, the Secretary will send an E-Mail presenting the Nomination Committees' candidates for Director positions.
- 2 Past Presidents in good standing run for the "Past President" position.
- 3 Any member in good standing may run for the "Open" Director position.
- 4 In the E-Mail will be a request that any member in good standing choosing to run for a director position submit their name to the Secretary.
- 5 At the December Membership/Nominations meeting, the Nominating Committee will present the Nominating committee' nominees and the Secretary will present the nominations received by e-mail.
- 6 The President will request any additional nominees to make their names known. After all nominations are identified, the President will ask for a motion to close nominations.
- 7 After the final closing of nominations, if there are one or more candidates running unopposed, a motion may be made from the floor to direct the secretary to cast one ballot for the unopposed candidates and, if the motion passes, those candidates are elected.
- 8 The voting members in good standing as of the date of the nomination meeting are eligible to vote.
- 9 Voting for the contested director nominees will utilize a web-based online election process like "electionbuddy.com" or equivalent.
- 10 The voting methods used will be "Plurality" for Directors.
- 11 Director elections begin approximately 2-days after the adjournment of the last respective nominating meeting and will run for approximately 7-days.
- 12 Nominated "Past President" members will be elected for the "Past President" board positions.
- 13 Nominated members (which could include past presidents) will be elected for the "Open" board position.
- 14 Ties are broken by the method set by the voting rules for the specific election, such as longest time in club or most flying time during last the last year.

JAC Election Review Special Committee Report Proposed Nominations and Voting Schedule

Current Schedule, 1 Membership Meeting/Month	Officers	Board
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November Membership Meeting	Nominations 2 and Election	Nominations 1
December Membership Meeting		Nominations 2 and Election
Current Schedule, 2 Membership Meetings/Month	Officers	Board
November 1st Membership meeting	Nominations 1	
November 2nd Membership meeting	Nominations 2 and Election	
December 1st Membership meeting		Nominations 1
December 2nd Membership meeting		Nominations 2 and Election
Proposed Schedule, 1 Membership Meeting/Month	Officers	Board
7 days prior to November Membership Meeting	Nominations 1 (email)	
November 1st Membership Meeting (1st Thursday)	Nominations 2	
+3 days (Sun) thru +9 days (Sat)	Election	
+10 days (Sun)	Results published	
+13 days (Tue) thru +19 days (Mon)	Run-off (if necessary)	
+20 days (Tue)	Results published	
7 days prior to December Membership Meeting		Nominations 1 (email)
December Membership Meeting (1st Thursday)	Results formally announced	Nominations 2
+3 days (Sun) thru +9 days (Sat)		Election
+10 days (Sun)		Results published
January Membership Meeting (1st Thursday)		Results formally announced
Proposed Schedule, 2 Membership Meetings/Month	Officers	Board
November 1st Membership Meeting (1st Thursday)	Nominations 1	
November 2nd Membership Meeting (3rd Thursday)	Nominations 2	
+2 days (Sat) thru +7 days (Thu)	Election	
+8 days (Fri)	Results published	
+9 days (Sat) thru +13 days (Wed)	Run-off (if necessary)	
+14 days (Thu)	Results published	
December 1st Membership Meeting (1st Thursday)	Results formally announced	Nominations 1 (email)
December 2nd Meeting (3rd Thursday)		Nominations 2
+2 days (Sat) thru +7 days (Thu)		Election
+8 days (Fri)		Results Published
January 1 st Membership Meeting (1 st Thursday)		Results Formerly Announced

Discussion

More fair results

For officer positions elections, the bylaws require a majority of votes present and voting by ballot or by proxy for election. The proposed process allows all members to vote, there is no election meeting. The election is an on-line voting process over a 9 or 10-day period and occurs between meetings. As a result, every member gets an equal chance to vote.

Nomination committee nominees are announced by email before the nomination meeting, and other members may be nominated by email or during the nomination meeting.

For Director position elections, the proposed revised method allows all members to vote, there is no election meeting. The election is an on-line voting process over a 10-day period and occurs between meetings. The proposed process separates "Past President" Candidate from "Open" candidates.

Simplicity in the process

Once nominations are defined, Officer candidates can electioneer over a 7-day period. For officers, the electronic voting using a Majority Vote process is used. The voting is simpler, faster, and less prone to error than using written ballots. The election is set up within 3-days of the adjournment of the nomination meeting allowing testing, defining members in good standing and e-mail delivery verification.

For board members, once nominations are defined, all candidates can electioneer over a 5-day period. The Plurality Voting process is used. Voting for Past President director candidates is separated from voting for open position candidates. The results are listed by actual votes received.

Ability for more of the voting population to participate in elections

Making the process on-line with a multi-day voting period gives a member a lot of time to vote. However, if a member is unable to vote within the defined voting period. The member still retains the option to give another member a proxy to vote in their stead.

Tabulation of results

All results a tabulated automatically by the on-line company.

Confidentiality of results

Results can and will be hidden from all voters, officers, directors, and administrators until the election is closed. No one will be able to determine how any individual member voted.

Confidence in the results

The on-line voting process can be tested months before the election by members. Test results can be verified against a manual process. Various voting schemes can be tried to see if a false result is possible.

Special Elections

Current By-Law extract

CHAPTER 10: Special Elections

If for any reason the post of an officer or member of the Board of Directors should become vacant during the year, the President will appoint a temporary officer or Board member at once. Nominations for election to the vacant post will be open during the next two regular meetings and the election to office for the balance of the unexpired term shall be held at the second regular meeting.

The Board of Directors or the membership may at any time vote to hold a special election for the purpose of recalling an existing officer or member of the Board of Directors. The officer or member proposed for recall shall continue to serve until the special election is concluded.

Summary of proposed changes:

Special elections to fill a vacancy in an officer position or in the Board of Directors will be held as detailed in the “**Proposed Election Changes – the Blueprint**” section of this report.

The recall of an officer or director is a multi-step process:

1. The members in good standing at a membership meeting or the board at a board meeting may resolve to hold a recall election.
2. If successful, an election using the “Candidate Acclamation” online process will be held, starting approximately 7-days after the recall resolution, the election is of 7-days duration,
3. Membership will be asked to vote on the recall, yes or no.
4. If a member votes to recall, the member will further vote as to whether to remove immediately or at the time a replacement is elected.
5. The announcement of results is by the President as soon as available.
6. If the officer or director is removed immediately, the member is removed upon the announcement of the result and may not run for office for 12-months.

The JAC Election Review Special Committee Report

Is submitted on June 15th, 2022, to President Vinnie DiPrenda by the members of the Committee:

/s/ Robert McHugh

/s/ Walt Szablowski

/s/ David Williamson

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