

February 5, 2021

This correspondence is intended to bring you up to date with what is happening with the Environmental Caucus (EC).

We held our first EC meeting on Thursday, January 21st via Zoom. Our meetings had been on hold most of 2020 because of the pandemic and the elections. This first meeting of 2021 allowed us to meet and learn a little bit about our new members and reacquaint ourselves with the old ones. Twelve people participated in the Zoom meeting.

After introductions we discussed the upcoming election of EC officers for 2021 as well as a vote on the length of terms for those officers. We also indicated that we would be sending out a survey to determine how often we will meet, on which days, and during what time frames. We explained that the elections and the survey would be handled by two separate Survey Monkey polls. We, then, briefly discussed projects we had been working on and projects that we should consider working on. The minutes for the meeting are attached.

The results of our election are as follows: Joe Stodola is the new EC Chair, Rick Flora the Vice Chair, and Elva Manquera the Secretary. Eight people voted. Each of these people received all 8 votes. As far as the length of term is concerned, the vote was split 4 to 4 between a one-year term and a two-year term. Since we have already been using a one-year term we will continue with that practice. Joe, Rick, and Elva assume the duties of office today, February 5, 2021.

Twelve people responded to our survey to determine how frequently we will meet, which days we will meet on, and at what time. By a margin of 8 to 3, with 1 person abstaining, it was determined that we will meet twice a week. The days and times for those meetings were determined based on when the most people were available, using preferences as the tie breakers. Based on the survey, we will be meeting by Zoom twice a month on Wednesdays from 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm. We still need to determine which Wednesdays.

Environmental Caucus Chair, Joe Stodola, will provide the oral update at Tuesday's CC meeting.

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