

PPCMA Recommends Voting **FOR:**



- Any Member in Good Standing to be Able to Run for the Board!
- Term Limits for PPOA Committee Members when New Folks Are Available!
- Member Access to PPOA Information, Including Salary Data as Allowed by Law!
- Elimination of Language to Allow Board Members to “Avail Themselves” of Free Food & Lodging!
- Incoming Boards to Determine Next President, Not the Outgoing Board!
- Three Year Time Limit for Re-voting the Same Item When it Doesn't Pass!
- Formalize the PPOA Audit Committee!

PPCMA Recommends Voting **AGAINST:**

- Electronic Voting



Our Position on Proposed PPOA Bylaws Amendments Pecan Plantation Concerned Members Association

Dear PPOA Members,

There are seven “member driven” Bylaws amendment proposals that will appear on the March ballot for membership vote, along with one proposal for “Electronic Voting” that was proposed by the PPOA Board. This will be probably the most confusing ballot in Pecan’s history, yet with these amendments, probably one of the most important ever. PPCMA feels it important to take a very public position as to exactly where we stand on each of these eight items and provide that directly to you. Your vote is very important!

SEVEN “MEMBER DRIVEN” PROPOSALS

PPCMA’s Advisory Council **STRONGLY SUPPORTS** the following **SEVEN** “member driven” proposed Bylaws amendments.

THE SEVEN “MEMBER DRIVEN” PROPOSALS INCLUDE:

- 1) Allowing any member in good standing to run for the Board without interference from a “Nominating Committee”
- 2) Establishing three year “term limits” for PPOA committee membership (provided new people sign up)
- 3) Member access to PPOA information, including salary data as allowed by state and federal Privacy laws
- 4) Elimination of current language that allows Board members to unconditionally “avail themselves” of free food and lodging,
- 5) Election of a PPOA President by the new Board as opposed to the outgoing Board each year
- 6) Restriction so that the same Bylaws change cannot be “re-voted” for three years if it fails
- 7) The formal establishment of an Audit Committee within the Bylaws.

ELECTRONIC VOTING PROPOSED BY PPOA’S BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PPCMA’s Advisory Council **STRONGLY OPPOSES** the proposed “**Electronic Voting**” Bylaws amendment.

This “Board Driven” proposal would allow elections to be called as often as a future Board might like, based on simply putting a “notice” in the Columns or with your bill. There are a number of major unresolved concerns as to the integrity of the system. PPCMA has contacted the provider of the online service, and our concern level skyrocketed after learning the ease with which an unscrupulous individual could potentially manipulate the voting process using this system. Rather than allowing members to “opt-in” to electronic voting should they wish to do so, this proposal is the other way around, requiring members to specifically “request” paper ballots, thus potentially disenfranchising many voting members that might be unaware of the election if they didn’t happen to read the notice or have a computer. Even Board members realized the ineffectiveness of such an online approach when they did the 2009 “Amenity Survey”. The response level was poor and did not adequately represent the community, in our opinion. Face it folks, “Electronic Voting”, while being touted as a big cost savings, will merely make it much simpler for future Boards to schedule elections as often as they like, banking on low electronic response rates, thus pushing through items such as future dues increases that the majority of the membership might not approve of. Costs of elections are minor insurance when it comes to the damage that could be done when poorly conceived proposals are combined with low voter turnout and “rushed up” online voting! Electronic voting is simply a way to make it easier for management and Boards to quickly push through dues increases. Preserve your right to vote and the sanctity of that vote. **Please say NO to Electronic Voting. It is a recipe for disaster in this community!**

SUMMARY

*We hope that you will join with us and so many of our friends that will be voting **YES** for each proposed Bylaws amendment, **EXCEPT** Electronic Voting, which we will vote strongly against. Your consideration is appreciated.*

For more information, please visit our web site at www.PPCMA.org . Also, if you are not already a PPCMA member, we encourage you to join our confidential email distribution list and begin receiving our updates, by sending an email request to PPCMA@charter.net.

*Thank You,
PPCMA Advisory Council*

*Jim Allen, Kate Dodd, John Gehring, Steve Haines,
Bev Hayes, Ray Stallings, & Dan White*

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