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Summary of ARF Board Discussion and Vote of Changes to Bylaws on 2-24-22

ARF Board Members present: Sue, Betsy, Barb, Ken, Nancy, Jerry, Vicki, Diane

1. The issue of using either At-Large Director or At-Large Board Member was discussed, and various opinions were expressed (e.g., recruiting with At-Large Director title, friendliness of term At-Large Board Member, assumption of what a director's duties would be.
 - a. Vote was taken in favor of using At-Large Board Members (5), not At-Large Directors (2), with one abstention
2. Change date of nominees for Board from March 1 to April 1 – vote was unanimous
3. Vote to accept changes to Bylaws as presented with change from #1 above included was unanimous.
4. Sue reviewed Board positions up for re-election: Pres, ~~VP~~, Secretary, ~~Treasurer~~, and 2 at-large members. All in current positions have agreed to run, but Sue called for discussion about advertising for more people to run for these positions. Her concern is people thinking the whole board is leaving. Ken suggests just being open and transparent in inviting nominees and explaining what is going on. Another suggestion is to grandfather the VP and Treasurer for another year, so the list is shorter.
 - a. In conclusion we agreed for Sue and the Election Committee to seek nominees for President, Secretary and 2 At-Large Board Members. VP and Treasurer will be grandfathered in for another year because those positions are elected in odd-numbered years.
5. Discussion ensued about adding to the new Bylaws about having the membership vote on future bylaw changes. Various opinions were expressed, but further discussion is needed next fall.

TO DO:

- Betsy will make final changes to Bylaws and send to Sue distribute, and to Barb to have posted on our website.
- Sue will send out revised Bylaws with an email soliciting people to self-nominate or nominate others for President, Secretary, and two At-Large Board Members. Sue will include opportunities for committee membership in her email.
- Jerry and Diane volunteered to be on the Election Committee and will work on soliciting people to run for open positions by March 15th, including past Board members and/or retiring Board members.
- Vicki volunteered to join the Membership Committee with Betsy.