

# Grove Club

## January, 2021 - Elections Information

**ARTICLE III, SECTION 1.** Elections to the Board are held during January and July. Elections will be held by position during these elections.

Qualifications for members of the Board of Directors are as follows:

- A. Prior to election, Officers of the Corporation shall have at least two years sobriety; Associate Directors shall have at least 6 months sobriety.
- B. Must be a paid-up member for at least three months prior to election.
- C. Display a responsible and active participation in the Club.
- D. Display a sincere desire to further the goals of the Club.

**ARTICLE III, SECTION 7. A. Nominating Committee** - The Nominating Committee shall include prior Board members who have completed their term of office on the Board of Directors, have maintained their sobriety and are active in the Club. The committee shall consist of three members appointed by the Board of Directors and its formation shall be announced and/or published no later than the Membership Meeting that occurs one month prior to the elections. If three prior Board members are not available for consideration the Board will solicit participation from members who have at least five years sobriety and are active in the Club.

The committee shall interview all members expressing interest in serving on the Board of Directors and verify the qualifications of such individuals as set forth in Section I of this Article. Additionally, the committee shall consider the duties and preferred experience and/or skills desired for each board position as described in both Article IV and “Board of Directors - Preferred Experience and Skills” (Appendix D). Based on their judgment, having determined the skills of the candidates or their ability and/or willingness to obtain such skills, the committee shall nominate two or more candidates for each available position. The committee will verify that their candidates accept nomination.

The Board of Directors will provide the Nominating Committee with a list of all active members; however, it is each member’s responsibility to inform the committee of their interest if not contacted in person; members are encouraged to do so. The committee is not required to coordinate its recommendations to the Board, nor is it required to obtain any type of approval or concurrence from the Board, however it may consider contacting and/or interviewing members who are recommended to them by the Board. The committee is not required to nominate all candidates expressing interest and will act as a whole in their nominations. The recommendations of the committee do not prohibit the membership from making nominations from the floor during the membership meeting when elections occur.

**Here are the members of the Nominating Committee for the January 2021 elections are:**

- **Rick B.**
- **James W.**
- **Josh L.**

**The Positions to be filled at the January elections are:**

**Treasurer (Officer/Director Position)**  
**Coordinator (Associate Director Position)**  
**Manager (Associate Director Position)**

**ARTICLE II, SECTION 5.** Voting: Each paid-up member shall be entitled to one vote on each matter submitted to a vote of the members. Members are allowed to cast absentee ballots if unable to attend membership meetings at which elections or voting on revisions to By-laws occurs. In all other cases, matters submitted to a vote of the members must be voted on in person. Concerning elections to the Board of Directors, members may cast one vote for each vacancy. The term “paid-up member” is synonymous to “member in good standing” and means all dues paid thru the month preceding the scheduled membership meeting.

**Paid-up members desiring to cast absentee ballots may do so at the Club office (or by mail) beginning the evening of Saturday, January 2, 2021 through Friday, January 8th, 2021 prior to the election. It is the member’s responsibility to contact a board member and set up an appointment to do so as there are no regularly scheduled office hours.** Absentee ballots must be completed in private upon receipt and placed in sealed, unmarked envelopes to be retained by the nominating committee or at a place of their designation. The absentee ballots will be collected and counted along with votes cast by the general membership the night of the elections. Those casting absentee ballots understand that they waive the right to vote for write-in candidates as who they may be is unknown at the time their ballots are cast. Absentee ballots are final; anyone who is able to attend the election due to a change of plans after casting absentee ballots will not be given replacement ballots.

**ARTICLE II, SECTION 1.** Membership: Any person of legal age is eligible for membership in the Grove Club, provided they meet the following requirements:

- A. Admitted alcoholic with sincere desire to stop drinking.
- B. Spouse, immediate relative or friend of an alcoholic regardless of whether the individual with the disease admits the same.
- C. Individuals who have submitted an Application for Membership which has been reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors as stated thereon (Appendix C.).
- D. Individuals meeting requirements A, B and C, but due to their financial conditions are unable to pay dues as required.

Concerning D above – The Board of directors assumes that all members’ financial conditions enable them to pay required dues. However, the board will consider waving this requirement for voting if so informed of financial hardship prior to the board meeting to be held on the Tuesday prior to the elections. The board will review each person’s situation on an individual basis and their decision will be final.

### **Additional Information**

1. It is the individual member's responsibility to inform the Nominating Committee if they are interested in seeking election if they are not contacted by the Nominating Committee.
2. The Nominating Committee shall submit a final list of candidates for each board position by **Friday January 1, 2021**. The candidate list will be posted at the Club by the evening of **Saturday, January 2nd, 2021** and ballots will also be prepared by this date. Election day is **Saturday, January 9th**.
3. The nominating committee will have verified that the candidates listed have accepted nomination and they therefore need not be present the night of the elections.
4. There will be separate, different color ballots for each position. The ballots will contain blank lines so the names of additional candidates can be written-in if nominations are made and accepted at the membership meeting on the night of the elections. Anyone nominated by the membership at this time must be present to accept nomination. Any votes for anyone who has not accepted nomination will be deemed invalid and any such ballots will not be counted.
5. On the night of the election, the names of all candidates will be listed on an "election board" by position. Those wishing to do so will then have the opportunity to write-in the names of the people nominated by the membership on their ballots. Writing-in the names of people nominated by the membership is optional and whether names are written-in or not, ballots will be deemed valid only if an "X" or check mark is placed next to the name of the person being voted for, whether pre-printed or written-in. Ballots that appear to contain an X or check mark next to more than one name on any ballot will be deemed invalid and will not be counted.
6. Ballots will be collected and counted by two Club members chosen by the membership. One member of the nominating committee and the current Club Secretary will be present during the counting of the ballots and together with the members counting the ballots will resolve any disputed or incorrect ballots.
7. If there are any ties (of those receiving the most votes) for any position, there will be a run-off election of the tied individuals to determine a winner. In this case the president will submit a vote only if there is still a tie after the run-off and it will be the deciding vote.
8. On the day of the elections all members must "check-in" to receive their "ballot package". This will occur at a desk set up by the office door and will begin at 12:00 P.M. (noon). At this time the Club Secretary or Treasurer will verify that each member is eligible to vote and will collect any dues in arrears that will allow that member to become eligible as specified in ARTICLE II, SECTION 5 of the By-Laws. Ballot packages will also be given to anyone who has been deemed eligible having financial hardship as determined by the board and previously defined herein. Promises to pay will not be accepted, no exceptions.
9. The Newly elected board members will assume their responsibilities the night of the election however the outgoing board members will guide and assist them during a reasonable transition period so that Grove business will not be adversely affected.