

Regent Candidate Advisory Council
December 12, 2014
Room 5, State Office Building

Meeting Minutes

Present

Ardell Brede, Chair
Harriett Porter, Vice Chair
Jerry Rogers, Vice Chair
Sen. Terri Bonoff
Bill Brady
Sonia Cairns (via telephone)
Margaret Carlson
Joey Daniewicz
Pat Duncanson
Jim Erickson
Lois Josefson
Kathy Madson
Bert McKasy
Rep. Bud Nornes
Rep. Gene Pelowski
Sen. Eric Pratt
George Sundstrom
Paul Taylor
Darrell Thompson
Dan Wolter

Excused

Shelley Buck
Darrell Thompson

Ardell Brede, Chair, called the meeting of the Regent Candidate Advisory Council (RCAC) to order at 10:05 AM in Room 5 of the State Office Building. A quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes

Pat Duncanson moved approval of the meeting minutes from the June 10, 2014 meeting. Dan Wolter Seconded. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Recruitment Committee Report

Paul Taylor, Recruitment Committee Chair, provided an overview of the outreach efforts of the recruitment committee.

Review of Selection Procedures/Selection of Interviewees

Sally Olson, RCAC staff, reviewed the process for selecting candidates to be interviewed.

Lois Josefson moved to amend Section 1, B of the Selection Procedures to allow Council members to vote for up to six nominees rather than four nominees for each open seat on the first ballot. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Chair Brede invited members to provide comments on the applicants. Discussion of applicants ensued and occurred throughout the selection process.

Voting commenced with 19 members present and voting.

First District:

Four candidates received a majority of the votes on the first ballot and were automatically qualified for an interview. They were Claire Bender, Jerome Johnson, Kennard Rossow and Randy Simonson.

Lois Josefson moved to suspend the rules to close balloting and interview the four candidates that received a majority of votes plus Randy Demmer.

Jim Erickson made a substitute motion to suspend the rules to close balloting, thereby, interviewing only the four applicants that automatically qualified for an interview on the first ballot. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Third District

Four candidates received a majority of the votes on the first ballot and automatically qualified for an interview. They were: Michael Belzer, Bill Luther, Kent Molde and Paula Prah. l.

Sen. Bonoff moved to suspend rules to rules to close balloting, thereby, interviewing only the applicants that automatically qualified for an interview on the first ballot. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Fourth District

Two candidates received a majority of the votes on the first ballot and were automatically selected for an interview. They were: Richard Beeson and Thomas Sorel.

Lois Josefson moved to suspend the rules to close balloting and interview the top three vote getters. The three candidates with the most votes were: Richard Beeson, Taque Khaled, and Thomas Sorel. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Sixth District

Three candidates received a simple majority of the votes and were automatically selected for an interview. They were: Michael Hsu, Steve Laraway and Holly Neaton.

Jim Erickson moved suspend the rules to close balloting, thereby, interviewing only the applicants that automatically qualified for an interview on the first ballot. THE MOTION PREVAILED

Seventh District

Four candidates received a simple majority of the votes on the first ballot and automatically qualified for an interview. They were: Thomas Anderson, Robert Bosl, Doug Huebsch, and Michael Yost.

One candidate, Morrie Lanning, received a simple majority on the second ballot and automatically qualified for an interview.

Joey Daniewicz moved to closed voting. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Reference Checks

George Sundstrom presented the reference check committee recommendations. He pointed out that the results of reference checking should be submitted in written form. Each written reference will then be provided a code which members will use in the open meeting discussion. It was decided that reference checks would be submitted to staff prior to the interviews and posted to a secure website for Council member review.

Interview Process

Dan Wolter presented the report from the Interview Process Committee, which included a list of suggested interview questions and the opening statement guidelines.

Interviews: procedural details

It was decided the candidate interviews would be held January 5, 2015 through January 9, 2015.

Members then volunteered to make the initial calls congratulating candidates who were selected for interviews and to conduct that candidate's reference checks. Members also volunteered to call those candidates that were not selected for an interview.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:24 pm.