

## Alternative Procedure for GICCA Election 2021

At the September 16, 2021 GICCA Public Business Meeting the GICCA Board unanimously voted to proceed with the following alternative election and voting procedure. This provides an extended schedule for in-person voting during the current COVID-19 health crisis when gathering in large groups is discouraged and an inclusive in-person Annual Meeting may not be possible.

### TIMELINE

**Sept 16 Meeting** – Nominations were opened to other island organization members and from the floor from the general membership per GICCA bylaws. Nominees must be at least 18 years of age and island residents or property owners. Computer access is necessary to conduct GICCA Board business and communication.

**Sept 17** – Alternative Election Procedure will be published on myguemes.org and in the next GICCA Newsletter.

**Oct 21 Meeting** – Nominations will again be accepted from the floor and nominees may make a statement. All candidates will receive a Nomination Questionnaire and will be asked to provide a brief written profile due by Oct 28. Nominations will close at the end of meeting. The Nomination Questionnaire can be downloaded [here](#).

**Oct 28** – Questionnaires and Candidate profiles are due for distribution in the November GICCA Newsletter. Profiles will also be posted on myguemes.org. Ballots will be printed with the slate of candidates.

**Beginning Nov 5** – Voter registration and in-person voting begins for Guemes property owners or residents 18 years of age or older. Proof of residency or property ownership required. i.e. driver's license, rental contract, tax bill or utility bill.

- **Where**
  - At the Community Center Hall, masks required.
- **When**
  - During Library hours 12:30 PM to 3:00 PM
  - Friday-Nov 5, Saturday-Nov 6, Sunday-Nov 7, Friday-Nov 12, Saturday-Nov 13, Sunday-Nov 14  
OR Thursday, Nov 18, 6:30 to 7:30 PM
- **How**
  - In-person voter registration only. No ballots distributed by proxy.
  - Ballots must be voted and placed in the ballot box at the time of registration.
  - Sealed and locked ballot box will remain inside the Library until 7:30 PM on Nov 18. The Primary Election Judge will have the only key.
  - Ballots will remain in the custody of only the Election Judge(s) during the counting procedure. Candidates may provide one observer during the counting process.

**Nov 17** – If an in-person meeting is not possible due to the COVID risk, a link to a Zoom Annual Meeting will be released to those who request it.

**Nov 18 Annual Meeting** – At 7:30 PM the ballot box will be closed and collected by the election judges to tally votes. The Annual Meeting will proceed with the President's Annual Report and any new business. If election judges have completed the tally by the end of the meeting, election results will be released. If not, results will be announced on Nov 19 on myguemes.org, the sign board and the bulletin board. Only the election judges will have access to and possession of the ballot box and the ballots.

### MEETING OPTIONS for October 21 Business Meeting and November 18 Annual Meeting and Election

- **Virtual Meeting.** The following methods of disseminating information to island residents will be used for the nomination process, announcement of the voting and election process, nominee profiles, and the notice of how to request a Zoom link to the virtual meeting.  
myguemes.org website, GICCA Newsletter, sign board, chalkboard, and GICCA bulletin board at the Hall.
- **In-Person Meeting.** The final decision to hold an in-person meeting will be based on the COVID risk at the time and any mandated limits to the size of gatherings both indoors and outdoors. The above methods of disseminating information to the membership will also be used.