

Elections

Friends of the Fern Ridge Library

Nomination & Election Committee (NEC) appointed at July meeting.

1. NEC members contact current officers (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer) to determine vacancies for next year.
2. NEC members contact other members of Friends to find willing candidates. At least one candidate per office is needed. Vacancies should be advertised to the members – in monthly e-mails, and possibly in a separate e-mail. Job descriptions are posted on Friends web page.

Ideas for finding new officers -some other groups have found that newer members (1st or 2nd year) are often willing to take on a position (this is a way to get more involved and find out how the organization works.)

3. Slate of nominees is due in late September to allow time for ballots to be sent to members before the annual meeting. Ballots are sent by e-mail to most members, and postal mail to those who do not provide an e-mail address. Some members may vote by mail so there must be time for their votes to be recorded before the meeting. NEC members work with Secretary to prepare and distribute ballots.
4. Two members of the Committee count the ballots and report the results at the annual meeting. A person who is running for office should not be a ballot counter. When counting the ballots, verify that the person who submitted the ballot is a member of the organization, and that no member submitted more than one ballot. According to our bylaws (Article III, sec.8), a quorum for the election is a minimum of 20% of the members. Results should be reported in a short written document.
5. Results are announced at the fall meeting. Officers start their terms in January.

Ballots and the report are stored with Friends records for a period of one year.