

# HKVCA National Board Elections Committee Report

August 31, 2018

The Election Committee for the 2019 National HKVCA Board of Directors respectfully submits an overview of its activities over the past four months.

On May 9, 2018, the Election Committee formed, including:

- Kathie Carlson, AB. (Chair)
- Cynthia Melanson, AB,
- Sharon Kurtz, AB. (non-HKVCA member)
- Webmaster Jim Trick, BC.

The Committee received approval from the HKVCA National Board to proceed with facilitating the 2019 HKVCA Board of Directors Election process on May 23, 2018. The “Call for Nominations” Guidelines, and Nomination Form were reviewed. The Guidelines and Procedures and option for members to print a PDF copy and mail the Nomination Form to the Committee were included in the Summer (June) Newsletter.

We were thankful that Jim was part of the committee for his expertise, and specifically because he developed an on-line option. This on-line Nomination Form was linked to the e-mail address [elections\\_chair@hkvac.ca](mailto:elections_chair@hkvac.ca). on the website and in the HKVCA Newsletter. It proved to not only simplify, but it also expedited the nomination process. The on-line form was readily available to the approximately 340 members who receive their Newsletter on-line as well as the members receiving their Newsletter via Canada Post. All but two Nomination Forms were e-mailed on line. Two mailed nomination forms came from the members who receive their Newsletter via Canada Post.

The Committee received the first Nomination on-line on June 14, 2018, and 16 Nominations followed by the August 1, 2018, closing date. Of the (17) people nominated by mail and e-mail, five current Board Members received multiple nominations. The Committee followed up on each nomination to confirm acceptance in writing and to ask the nominee to provide a personal biography. Of the two mailed Nomination Forms, one member nominated a person who had already accepted her nomination. The other mailed form did not include a nomination but an apology for not nominating as she had been seriously ill. As Chair, I called these two members from Quebec and New Brunswick to acknowledge receipt of their mailed forms and to express thanks for submitting their Nomination Forms.

Of the nine (9) individuals nominated on-line or by mail by August 1, 2018, eight (8) people accepted their nomination and one (1) nominee declined. As less than 13 people had accepted their nomination, the HKVCA President asked the Committee to extend the closing date for nominations to August 15, 2018, with the hope additional nominations would come in. No further nominations were received

The Elections Committee felt the Nomination Process worked well. However, the Committee had hoped to receive a greater overall response from the general membership.

The following nominees accepted their nominations, and submitted their biographies as requested.

1. Carol Hadley – Prairie Region
2. Mike Babin – Ontario Region
3. Barry Mitchell - Prairie Region
4. Lucette Mailloux Muir – Quebec Region
5. Mitzi Ross – Ontario Region
6. Gerry Tuppert– British Columbia Region
7. Bernard LeBlanc – Atlantic Region
8. Mark Purcell – Ontario Region

According to the HKVCA Policy and Procedure (April 2017), as the number of persons nominated is less than (13), it appears at this time a Ballot is not necessary, and the members accepting their nominations must still be acclaimed as elected, at the December 2018, Annual General Meeting.

Thank you for asking the Committee to be responsible for the HKVCA National Board Elections for 2019.

Respectfully submitted by;  
Kathie Carlson, Chair,  
2019 HKVCA National Board Elections Committee