

RUNNING FOR THE R-RANCH IN THE SEQUOIAS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Ranch Owners Association holds annual elections with three empty seats one year and two the next year. All owners in good standing are eligible to run for a seat. The Board of Directors sets the Election Schedule. The Call for Candidates is sent to owners via eblast and social media by the end of May at the latest. Here is an **example** which was the schedule for 2021:

May 31st - Call for Candidates sent out.

June 7th - Letter of intent due.

June 14th - Candidate information packet and bio/statement due.

June 14th - Record date for the election.

June 19th - Open board meeting. Nominating Committee makes nominations to the Board during the Board meeting.

June 19th - Candidate Forum immediately after the Board meeting.

June 24th – Ballots sent and voting opens.

July 24th – Election and Annual Meeting.

The annual board meeting is always held the 4th Saturday in July.

Qualifications: According to our governing documents, the only qualification is that owners be in good standing which means their assessments are current (paid in full for the year). It is highly recommended that they have some skill set to offer relative to operating a business. It typically takes at least a year to gain enough knowledge as to how R-Ranch in the Sequoias operates. Experience helps tremendously. It is also recommended that they have at least 20 hours per week to spare as board positions are very demanding. In this day and age, it is essential to have a computer and a 3-in-1 printer, copier, scanner helps tremendously as there are quite a few forms to print, sign and scan as well as other documents that exchange hands.

The **Letter of Intent** (to run for the board), can be presented to the Nomination Committee in the form of email or sent via the US Postal Service.

Each candidate must create a short **Biography/Candidate's Statement**. If they wish, they can include their resume and/or what kind of experience they can contribute to the ROA, and/or the goals they want to see happen in the future. They **MUST** include a picture of themselves on the same page. Some include a picture of their spouse and/or children.

The **Candidate Forum** commences after the June board meeting. This is a filmed event in which candidates are asked questions by owners. The video is sent to owners to help them with their decision on how to vote.

Our governing documents provide for **cumulative voting**. If there are three seats available for example, each share gets three votes and may split them anyway they want. They could use all three to vote for one candidate or they can split them and vote one vote for each candidate, or they can cast two votes for one candidate and one vote for another.

After the **Nominating Committee** makes nominations, all candidates may begin campaigning. One director, who is not running for a board seat, is appointed the Nominating Committee Chair and he/she appoints two owners which then forms a committee of three people. Their job is to validate the candidate's proper submission of applications, oversee the campaigning verifying that all candidates comply with election ethics, and to ensure that the process is fair. All candidates must sign a Candidate Ethics policy before campaigning. Finally, they oversee the election results. The ROA offers to eblast each candidate's bio/statement up to 3 times during the campaign.

The election results are announced at the annual meeting in July and the candidates, (either three or two), with highest number of votes are immediately seated on the Board.