

SEA Elections Report May 21, 2019

SEA Elections Committee Members: Marco Amaral, CPH(absent); Lisa Burgess, (ELD TOSA); Lee Clark(GJH), Christine Fax-Hukaby(SpEd TOSA), Dr. Ivette Sanchez(CVM)

Observers: Mary Susan Doyle(MVH), Tom Leete (ELH), Jim Love (CVH)

Other Personnel: Adriana Herroz and Danessa Ledere(SCTU), Wilem Torgerson and Miranda Tyler(volunteers)

All traditional sites had valid ballots as did the majority of additional sites with SEA Membership(Learning Centers/Adult Schools/ District Offices).

1068 valid ballots counted. Five hours to process envelopes. New software for scanning the ballots electronically took a few minutes to process the votes cast. Hours spent with ballots and results: 4PM -11:30 PM

The offices of SEA President for 2019-2021 and SEA Vice President for 2019-2021 were decided by a simple majority (50% of total vote plus 1). The SEA offices of State Delegate to complete a term, and State Delegate 3 year, and SEA Member-at-Large had no clear majority and went to run off, to be decided May 22 when run-off ballots are counted.

The specific election results are in the attachment.

SEA President for 2019-2021 Julie Walker (RDM)
SEA Vice President for 2019-2021 Cesar Fernandez (DO)

Challenges:

Some confusion about double envelope protocols(confidentiality/anonymity, protocol, etc.) and sites with membership lists that are inaccurate caused some shortage of ballots and envelopes.

District delay in notifying sites caused some unnecessary steps for candidates dropping off campaign materials. Resolved.

SEA Rep needs: training video created regarding double-envelope, training regarding voting, PPT regarding Elections, Elections Chair site visits to check in personally: three sites,

Observers feedback: One point of clarification from Tom Leete (resolved). No challenges to the election.

Next steps:

Explore the financial and use feasibility of online voting with SEA members. Recruit and train a local SEA Membership Chair to help make sure site registries are accurate for membership organizing, communication and voting purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Burgess

SEA Elections Chair 2019