

CHICAGOLAND LIONEL RAILROAD CLUB, INC.
RULES FOR CONDUCTING CLUB ELECTIONS

Adopted By The Board of Directors January 21, 2000

As Amended November 30, 2001¹

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 3(k) of the By-Laws of the Chicagoland Lionel Railroad Club, Inc., the Board of Directors of the Club hereby establishes the following rules for conducting Club elections.

1. Voting List.

Prior to the mailing of election ballots to members the Club will prepare a list of all regular members in good standing. This list will be the voting list and will be provided to the president if he is not a candidate for election. If the president is a candidate for election the voting list shall be provided to the vice president. A duplicate of the voting list will also be provided to the chairman of the elections committee or such other person as may be designated to mail election ballots to members.

2. Campaign Statements

A. Each candidate for election to a Club office shall be entitled to submit a written campaign statement to the Club which, at Club expense, shall be mailed to all Club members with the official election ballots if the statement meets the following requirements:

- a. The statement does not exceed 300 words;
- b. The contents of the statement relate solely to the candidate's qualifications for the Club office and issues or proposals relating to that office or the Club;
- c. The statement is received by the Club on or before the deadline set for submission; and
- d. The statement does not contain statements which, in the sole judgment of the board of directors, could be libelous or otherwise put the Club at risk of being named as a party in any suit in law or equity.

B. If a candidate's campaign statement does not satisfy all of the above requirements the candidate's campaign statement will not be mailed with the election ballot. If the rejected campaign statement is received seven days prior to the mailing deadline the statement shall be returned to the candidate giving the reasons for which the statement will not be included with the mailing of election ballots. If the rejected campaign statement is received less than seven days prior to any mailing, the candidate shall be notified by phone or e-mail that the statement will

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not be run and the reasons there for. A candidate may submit an amended campaign statement any time prior to the deadline for submission. The determination by the board that a statement does not meet all the above requirements is final.

C. A candidate may, at his own cost and expense, direct campaign statements and other materials relating to election to all Club members. At the request of any candidate, and if the following requirements are satisfied, the Club will provide the candidate with a copy of the voting list:

a. Prior to delivery of the list the candidate pays the Club for any costs incurred by the Club in producing the list and

b. Prior to delivery of the list the candidate agrees in writing that he will use the list only for the purpose of mailing campaign statements or literature to Club members, that he will not sell or transfer the list or any copy thereof to any other person, that if he uses the list for any purpose other than for mailing campaign statements or literature about his election to a Club office, the Club shall have the right to seek an injunction enjoining such use, that the Club will be entitled to twice any profits received by the member as a result of or arising from such unauthorized use, sale, or transfer and the candidate agrees to pay all reasonable attorneys fees and court costs incurred by the Club in pursuing legal or equitable remedies against the candidate for such unauthorized use, sale or transfer.

3. Ballots

A. The election ballot shall contain only the following:

a. The names of the offices to which candidates are seeking election;

b. The names of the candidates, all of which shall all be printed in the same size and style of type;

c. A statement that members can vote by mail or in person, the date by which a mailed ballot must be received to be counted, the address to which the mailed ballot must be sent, that the envelope in which the member mails the ballot must contain the member's name and address in the upper left hand corner (the return address area), the date upon which the member can vote in person, and the address and times during which the member may vote in person; and

d. Such other information which the board of directors may deem necessary to inform members about election procedures.

B. Under no circumstances shall any election ballot distributed by the Club contain any statement, whether verbal, graphic, or otherwise, that indicates support for or endorsement of any candidate nor shall any such election ballot contain any campaign statements of any candidate.

4. Voting Procedures.

As provided in the By-Laws of the Club and pursuant to schedules adopted by the Board of Directors, prior to the date of the Club election the Club shall mail election ballots to all Club members appearing on the voting list described in Part 1 hereof. Club members may vote by mail or in person.

A. Voting By Mail

a. If a member chooses to vote by mail, the member must mail the ballot in an envelope which has his name and address in the upper left hand corner of the mailing envelope and the ballot must be mailed to the address stated on the ballot. Ballots received in envelopes not containing a return address will not be counted.

b. If the president is not running for election ballots shall be mailed to him. If the president is running for election, ballots shall be mailed to the vice president.

c. The Club officer receiving mailed ballots shall not open any of the envelopes and shall note on his copy of the voting list the name of the person appearing on the upper left hand corner of the envelope. Receipt of such envelope shall conclusively determine that such member has voted and such person will not be entitled to cast another ballot.

d. On election day the officer receiving the mailed ballots shall bring the unopened envelopes and the list to the place where the Club election is being held and give the unopened envelopes and the list to the election committee. The election committee shall open the envelopes with return addresses and place each ballot in the ballot box. The committee will retain these envelopes until all votes have been counted. Envelopes that do not have return addresses will not be opened until after the votes have been counted. After all votes have been counted any such envelopes may be opened to ensure that they do not contain matter other than ballots. Once these envelopes have been opened they, together with any ballots contained therein, shall be destroyed. Under no circumstances will ballots from such envelopes be counted.

e. Ballots received in envelopes with return addresses of persons not on the voting list shall not be counted.

B. In Person Voting

a. If a member chooses he may vote in person if his name appears on the voting list and if the list does not indicate that the member has voted by mail.

b. On election day the election committee shall provide a ballot box and

table at which members are able to vote. At least one member of the election committee shall man the election area during the times that votes may be cast. Upon request a ballot shall be given to any member whose name appears on the voting list and who that list does not show has voted by mail.

c. No person, whether member or otherwise, shall be given a ballot if his name does not appear on the voting list, nor shall any member be given a ballot when the voting list indicates that he has voted by mail.

d. Campaign material shall not be posted on the election table, the ballot box, or within five feet thereof.

C. Voting Time

Voting hours shall commence at the opening of the meeting at which voting is to take place and shall continue until 8:00 p.m. At 8:00 p.m. voting will end.

C. Counting Votes

Immediately following the close of the election, the election committee shall count the votes and announce to members the winners of the election. In the event of a tie the election committee shall inform the board of directors and announce that there has been a tie vote and that the matter has been referred to the board of directors for resolution.