LD3 Election Comments

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Chairman Craig Berland and Chairman Jeff DeWit,

I am concerned because my past instructions on the LD3 Election are being quoted and taken out of contextual timeline. I feel misrepresented. This appears to be part of an effort to say that the EGC vote for another election fulfils my previous instructions to LD3. It implies that I support the vote of the MCRC EGC to call for another Election to be held in LD3. This is a misuse of my name and my instructions. Therefore, I feel a need to share my actual views.

The MCRC Executive Board voted to recommend that both LD11 and LD3 decide if they wished to hold another election. These were my instructions to both LDs on December 14th. (This is the "similarity", I referred to in the recording that has been "leaked"

in a shared profusely.) Reading the entire minutes for both of the executive Board meetings on this issue will show that the recommendations to the LDs were different, but we did recommend to both LDs that they decide for themselves what they should do. In my view only LDs themselves hold the authority to call for another election, not the MCRC.

LD11 did decide to hold another election for both officers and State Committeemen. After that decision, I had no emails from any PCs in LD11 that they were unhappy with the decision to hold another election.

LD3 voted in Quorum on January 9th, 2023 NOT to hold another election. They voted to keep the results of the December 1st Organizational Election.

In my view this is the end of the story of the MCRC's authority or right to be involved in the Organizational meetings of LD3. There is ONLY one action that could be taken by the PCs of LD3 now that would change this. This additional action is covered by MCRC Bylaws Article II.4.

D. Removal of District Chairman A majority of PCs *within a District may petition the MCRC Chairman to call a special meeting of the District Committee for the purpose of removing the District Chairman of that District. At such a meeting, in which a quorum is present, a majority of PCs present may remove the Chairman of the District.*

This bylaw provision sets a VERY high threshold that protects the LD from unnecessary friction and strife.

Of course I am no longer the MCRC Chair and my opinion may not matter to any of you now. However, I feel the letter from Chairman Berland seems to reference my instructions as part of the reasons to call for another election. Sure, if my instructions and words are taken out of context and packaged, it might seem that way.

To be perfectly, undeniably clear. I do not agree with the recent vote of the EGC to force LD3 to hold another election. I don't believe MCRC has the authority to do so.

In my view the instructions from the Executive board, which were sent by me to LD3 and LD11 were completed on January 9, 2023. LD11 voted to redo the election process and LD3 did not. In my

view anything beyond this is a misuse of the power and authority of the MCRC.

Using my name to suggest otherwise is what has prompted this email.

Sincerely,

Mickie Niland
Former MCRC Chair

Timeline

I received challenges from both LD3 and LD11 by the 3 day deadline of the MCRC Bylaws. The problems in each LD were different.

LD11 did not have security of their ballots or sign in materials. Even the correct numbers of ballots voted in the entire election were in doubt.

The LD3 Challenge was that ballots were dropped off at the end of the meeting for the State Committeeman Election too early and should not have been allowed to be voted. The contention was that Carol Torkko might have been elected a State Committeeman if those ballots had not been counted that were against their meeting rules. The ballots and election materials were secure.

At an Executive Board meeting on December 7th, I appointed a three member committee to investigate each LD's issues. Brian Ference, Liz Harris and Dan Grimm were assigned to LD11. Joe Neglia, David Ludwig and Joanie Colson were assigned to LD3, with me as an alternate as Joanie was not in attendance at our Dec. 7th meeting. The minutes of this meeting were recorded and available for review.

On Dec. 14th the Executive Board met, the subcommittee assigned to investigate LD11 recommended that the entire election be held again. The subcommittee assigned to investigate LD3 recommended just the SC election be considered.(Yes I have the emails to prove that.) The Executive Board voted to recommend that both LD3 and LD11 DECIDE FOR THEMSELVES if they wish to hold another election by January 4th. (At that time we didn't know that Chairman Ward would allow an extension of when to submit an updated State Committeeman list. On December 17th she did extend that deadline until January 14th.)

LD11 decided to hold another election and the MCRC officers helped as requested.

LD3 voted in quorum on January 9, 2023 to have the results of Dec. 1, 2022 organizational meeting stand.

I reported the SC and officer changes in LD11 to the AZGOP. I also notified the AZGOP that LD3 had voted for no changes.

The END of MCRC involvement in LD Challenges



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