

Cooper Landing AC Zoom Election Guidelines

The Cooper Landing AC has 5 undesignated seats and 2 alternate seats up for election. The committee must retain at least 5 seats and no more than 15 seats.

Term expirations for newly elected seats will be staggered so that not more than one-third of the committee members' terms expire in one year. The maximum length of a term is 3 years.

To qualify for membership a candidate must have knowledge of and experience with fish and wildlife resources in the area and a reputation within the community consistent with the responsibilities of membership.

Each Committee Member that resides within Cooper Landing and each voting age resident of the Cooper Landing area may participate in this election. 24 hours before the election, interested members of the public will email the regional coordinator to provide proof of residency to determine election eligibility before the elections.

Any member of the public who is participating in the meeting and wishes to vote must introduce themselves with their name and community of residence prior to opening the floor for nominations. This is to ensure that members of the public are eligible to vote in Cooper Landing AC elections and lets me know how many votes total there may be to eliminate the possibility of people voting twice/voter fraud. If no members of the public are present, or if members of the public who are present do not wish to vote then we can skip this step.

Chair opens the floor to nominations – a motion is not needed.

- It is not necessary to move and second each nominee.
- The chair should repeat nominations as made.
- Nominees should be recorded on the Election Record form under the 'Nominations for Elections' section.

If there is only one nominee for an available seat and there are no objections, the committee may vote by unanimous consent. This would be the simplest way of conducting elections.

If there is more than one nominee for an available seat, the election will need to be done either by roll call vote (not anonymous), or via the Polls function in Zoom/email (anonymous).

- If done by roll call vote, the regional coordinator will call on each AC member/member of the public individually for their vote and tally the votes.
- If done via the Polls function, the regional coordinator will create a poll with a multiple-choice question for each available seat. Each eligible voter who is participating by web conference will choose their pick for each seat and the regional coordinator will tally the votes. For eligible voters participating via teleconference, the regional coordinator will go into a private breakout room with each caller individually to take their votes or can accept their vote via email.
- Once all votes are cast the regional coordinator will tally the votes and announce the new members. The number of votes for each nominee will be recorded and available in case of a dispute.
- New members will be immediately 'seated' and assume the responsibility of AC membership.

Officer elections will take place after member elections. Officer terms are for 2 years. Only AC members vote on officer seats. As with member elections, officer elections may take place by unanimous consent if there is only

one nominee for an office. If there are multiple nominees for an office, then a roll call vote or vote via polls/email will take place.