

Announcement for the Website . . .

May 10, 2024 Greetings from the 2024 TRLA Elections Committee.

It has come to the attention of the Elections Committee that electronic ballots & proxies are being offered by one of our candidates for Board Director. We are in communication with that candidate and the Committee is currently devising strategies to assure as best we can the security of that process, as it intersects with our duties according to the TRLA Bylaws.

Though until now, electronic ballot submission has been unprecedented, it has not been entirely unanticipated as it is alluded to in the Elections Committee section of our bylaws. Thus, we want to assure all landowners that we consider ourselves bound (*see Bylaws Article XIII, 5.iii*) to establish a procedure whereby we collect and count all qualified ballots, *“...be they submitted by standard mail, electronic mail or some method other than in person at the annual meeting....”* and we are currently engaged in doing just that.

So, should any landowner choose, as a Member in Good Standing, to allow a candidate to collect their ballot(s) and proxy(ies), and hand deliver them to the Elections Committee, we will receive and duly process them.

However, the Elections Committee has already developed procedures and taken steps to ensure a secure election and voting process via USPS. To that end, we have made arrangements with the Ramah Post Office to separate those Return Envelopes from regular TRLA mail and to hold them at the Post Office for regular pickup by a member of our Committee only. They are being bundled and held securely, unopened, until the appropriate time & circumstance that they are scheduled to be processed by Committee members and trained volunteers, with proper witnesses present.

We therefore strongly prefer that landowners who do not plan to be at the meetings on May 25th, use the Mail-In Forms provided in the Packet mailed to you. Follow the clear instructions given, fully complete the forms provided for both Proxies and Ballots and return your completed forms via USPS in the Return Envelope provided to you in the packet. And, Please mail them by May 15th, to ensure we get them in time to be processed and counted for May 25th.

Thank you.