

Subject **Fwd: CARCD Communication: CARCD Ballot and Election Materials – Ballots Due March 2, 2026**
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To: DISTRICT-MANAGERS@listserv.carcd.org
Subject: CARCD Communication: CARCD Ballot and Election Materials – Ballots Due March 2, 2026
Reply-To: District Managers list <DISTRICT-MANAGERS@listserv.carcd.org>

This message is being sent to RCD District Managers/Executive Directors and RCD Directors.

We did not have a quorum of delegates from member RCDs at our Annual Membership Meeting in November. As a result, no vote could take place for officers, bylaws, or resolutions. Therefore, we are conducting the vote by email. **MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT!** Whereas votes at the annual meeting would have been cast by delegates, decisions must now be made by a **vote of the board of directors of member RCDs and submitted to CARCD as certified ballots [using this Google form](#).**

Please see important information about the process below:

Ballots are to be submitted via the [Google form](#) and are due by 5:00pm, March 2nd.

A PDF of the form is attached. Please review the form before your board meets to ensure that your district's vote will count.

RCD Members Eligible to Vote:

Only RCDs who are members in good standing are eligible to vote. Per the current bylaws, RCDs whose memberships lapse and subsequently pay dues owed are to be reinstated through an action of CARCD's board. The next board meeting is January 20th, and the agenda will include a vote to reinstate members who were dropped from the voting roles because their dues were not current.

To be reinstated on time to vote on the current ballot, RCDs must submit their overdue dues payments by **January 13th, 2026** (one week before the board meeting) so the pertinent information can be provided to the board prior to the meeting.

Officer Elections:

The slate of candidates is below. Candidates for President and Vice President were invited to submit candidate statements by December 8th. Statements are attached for all candidates who provided them.

President

Rick Gomez (Inland Empire RCD)

Molly Watkins (San Joaquin RCD)

Vice President

Peter Braudrick (Mendocino RCD)

John James (El Dorado RCD)

Secretary-Treasurer

Matthew Hurley (Sierra & Tranquility RCDs)

Bylaws:

Vote to approve or not approve the proposed amended bylaws.

Please note:

- Bylaws Committee members Laurie Tippin and Karen Sweet will hold **90-minute Office Hours on January 7 at 3:00pm and January 9 at 9:00 am via Zoom**. The Zoom link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4086914636?omn=86131589159>
- Since there will be no opportunities at this time to further amend the recommended amended bylaws, the CARCD Bylaws Committee and Board of Directors recognize that this version may not be perfect but reminds members that future amendments may be made. Further, the Policy Committee is developing complementary Policies.

Resolutions:

Vote to approve or not approve each resolution. (Abstain option is also available.)

Inspectors of Elections (to be appointed by the board in the January board meeting) will count the votes, and the results will be announced as early in March as possible.

Attachments (Links for DM Listserv because of file size)

1) Master PDF containing the following:

- a. Printout of the Ballot form for review (Page 1)
- b. Candidate Statements for Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidates that were submitted (Page 8)
- c. Proposed Amended Bylaws (Page 10)
- d. Policy Committee's Summary Table of Resolutions and Committee Recommendations (Page 30)
- e. Resolutions as submitted by Antelope Valley (Now Canyons to Desert) RCD (Page 33)

2) Separate PDF with cover letter and Resolutions from North Santa Clara et al RCDs (File was protected and could not be combined with the Master PDF.)

We have allowed nearly 80 days from the time of this message to ensure that all eligible RCDs are able to agendaize the vote in an upcoming board meeting and to take the action needed to execute and submit your vote.

Make your RCD's voice be heard and please vote!

CARCD Elections



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