

Hello Board members

I do not have a horse in this race. I will almost certainly be off the board when my term ends at the end of 2021. I certainly will not run in a rigged election, which is the case in any pairing with a large and small district.

Instead of disenfranchising 12 districts, we should disenfranchise all 25 districts. This would require at large elections to a small board. Much of what we do can be shifted to committees with oversight function only by the board.

When I entered the board, I was hoping to be involved in significant decisions. Except for the restructuring, which is far from being at the top of the list, most of our work has not been on big picture items. As an example, for our most recent online meeting, the first topic involved the next 4 day online regional. For a half hour, or perhaps more, the issues were: do we call this a regional? and do we pro rate the master points for playing fewer boards? This is hardly a matter for a board of directors, except in an oversight function.

I believe that when the second vote occurs, all of the yes votes should explain why this motion should pass. All of this should be on the record, and in the minutes. If it does pass, when the results appear in the bulletin, and not buried on page 62, there should be an equivalent sized dissenting opinion on the adjacent page. After all, this is a significant matter which deserves a full airing.

The first four attachments contain my views on restructuring. Included are ways to save much more money than the 100,000 projected in the proposal. I chose to do this letter as an attachment because I intend to send everything I have written to the rest of the board, and to the rest of the D5 board, and to selected friends who have expressed an interest in this matter.

I invite any opinions.

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