



MGCC Board of Directors Online Election Rules

- a.) A Residential Member is any person sixteen (16) years of age or older who lives within the District. Each Residential Member shall be entitled to one (1) vote in any election for an At-Large Residential Director and in any election for a Grid Director of the grid in which the Residential Member resides. Each Residential Member, who is a renter, shall also be entitled to one (1) vote in any election for an At-Large Residential Renter Director.
- b.) An Organizational Member is any person sixteen (16) years of age or older who is a student attending any educational institution in the District, or who is the owner or authorized representative of any business, residential rental property, educational institution or religious institution located within the District. Each Organizational Member is entitled to one (1) vote in any election for an At-Large Organizational Director in the respective category/categories to which the Organizational Member belongs.
- c.) Any person who is eligible to vote for a specific Director may also be a candidate for that position. A candidate may be self-nominated or be nominated by another person who is eligible to vote for that Director.
- Grid Residential Representatives must currently reside, as a homeowner or renter, in the grid for which they are nominated for or for which they vote. Grid Representatives for the even grids (2 and 4) will be elected in 2023.
 - At-Large Residential Representatives must currently reside, as a homeowner or renter, in Macalester-Groveland.
- f.) Candidates must submit their candidate application, either by print or electronic form, during the board candidate application period, from March 16, 2023 12:01 am to April 13, 2023 at 11:59 pm. Eligible candidates can only submit an application for one position.
- g.) Candidate profiles will be posted on the MGCC website, macgrove.org, and at the Edgumbe Rec Center on April 17, 2023.
- h.) Candidates may promote themselves as a candidate for the MGCC Board of Directors once their application has been accepted and approved by MGCC staff. All promotional materials from candidates must include the following verbiage:
- “This material has not been produced or approved by the Macalester-Groveland Community Council. For complete information on MGCC board elections, please visit www.macgrove.org/boardelections.”*
- h.) Any residential member or organization member may vote on proposed bylaw changes.
- g.) No proxy votes will be permitted.
- h.) Spoiled ballots will not be counted. A ballot will be considered spoiled if it is illegible or has more names on it than positions to be filled in that election. If part of the ballot is legible, that part will be counted.
- i.) A ballot need not contain as many names as positions to be filled but may not contain more names than positions.
- j.) A voter may not vote for the same candidate more than once on any one ballot.
- k.) Ties will be resolved by a coin flip by a neutral party or by suitable arrangements agreed by all those so tied.
- l.) A plurality of votes is required to be elected.
- m.) All unresolved disputes will be settled by the council’s Executive Committee.
- n.) The Election Verification Task Force, consisting of volunteer board members approved by the Board of Directors, shall inspect, verify, and certify the results election as required. Only MGCC staff shall have access to the electronic and paper voting data during the period of the election.

MGCC Board of Directors Election Procedures

At-Large and Even Grid Residential Representative Elections:

- a.) Residential members must submit their ballot, either print or electronic, during the board election period, from April 20, 2023 at 12:01 am to April 27, 2023 at 11:59 pm. A paper ballot will be mailed to a resident by request. The online ballot will be available on the MGCC website, *macgrove.org*.
- b.) The top **two** (2) recipient of votes for each At-Large Residential Director and each even Grid Residential Director will be elected. Ties will be determined per the above procedures.
- c.) If an election cannot occur, the position can be filled at the next board meeting through a special election which will be on the second Thursday in May.

MGCC Board of Directors Election Verification Process

- a.) Paper and electronic votes will be counted by the Election Verification Task Force and MGCC staff.
- b.) The Election Verification Task Force will be made up of 3 to 8 current board members whose seats are not up for election this year.
- c.) The Election Verification Task Force and MGCC staff will check the residential address provided on each vote, paper and electronic, to make sure voters currently reside, as a homeowner or renter, in the appropriate grid for which they have cast their vote.
- d.) The IP address for electronic votes will be checked to ensure election integrity. If more than 4 votes are cast from one IP address, the voters will be contacted to confirm the individual affiliation with the residential address of each voter.
- e.) The elected candidates and final vote totals will be announced on the MGCC website, *macgrove.org*, on Friday, May 5, 2023.

MGCC recognizes that equitable community engagement is a critical component of our work. We are dedicated to ensuring that we reach into every part of our community and that our work benefits all our community members. We value the diverse perspectives that additional voices can bring to our conversations and the meaningful outcomes that we can achieve with more authentic engagement. We welcome prospective board members regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, religion, age, sexual orientation, nationality, and disability.

MGCC strives to encourage community members from diverse groups to join its Board, participate in activities, and seek to attain positions of leadership. MGCC believes that a commitment to diversity strengthens the organization's capacity, enhances relevance and effectiveness, and is an essential component of accountable and representative decision-making.