

Fellow Blue Knights,

As most of you know there have been some issues with this year's election and 426 ballots were erroneously mailed to chapter addresses by the company used to mail our election ballots. Additionally, although the international ballots (Europe, UKIC, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand) were mailed first class, the ballots in the United States were mailed 3rd class- Non-profit. As a result, many members in the United States have yet to receive their election ballot which was a concern.

Therefore a special meeting was called on Sunday, June 18, 2017 to discuss the options of what to do to alleviate or correct the problem and the following was approved by the International Board of Directors and implementation will begin immediately.

- The reissuance of ballots for the United States, Canada, Australia and New Zealand only. Ballots originally issued to Europe and the UKIC are still valid and will be counted for this election.
- The new ballots to the United States and Canada will be mailed by the close of business on Friday, June 23, 2017 and will be mailed 1st class. The ballots to Australia and New Zealand will be mailed by the close of business on Friday, June 23, 2017 and will be mailed express mail to each Chapter for distribution to their Members. International will reimburse each of these chapters for any postage costs necessary for this distribution.
- The new ballot and return envelope will be clearly marked "REISSUE BALLOT" for accountability.
- The final date to receive the ballots has been extended from 500 pm Friday, July 14th, 2017 to 500 pm Wednesday, July 19, 2017.

The approved procedure will reduce the number of double issued ballots from 426 to 99 which are now only in the UKIC and European Conferences who are working to recover those ballots to reduce the error margin (Note: The standard error margin in any election is 3% which is 533 ballots based on the 17790 ballots that will have been mailed out).

To do an entire redo of our election process would have cost as much as \$28,000 USD. The reissuance of new ballots may slightly go over budget depending on the postal cost but will be well below the cost of the redo.

Upon receipt of new ballot each Member should:

- Discard the original issued ballot and envelope.
- Mark your selections on the ballot marked "REISSUED BALLOT" on its face, and place the ballot in the return preaddressed envelope that will also bear "REISSUED BALLOT" on its face.
- Apply postage and mail the return envelope promptly to allow for receipt no later than 5:00 PM on Wednesday, July 19, 2017 at the P.O. Box in Racine Wisconsin.

Thank you for patience, and understanding for these unforeseen circumstances.

Ride with pride,



D.J. Alvarez

International President