



Dear Friends,

November 15, 2007

At our regular dinner meeting at Cappelli's last Tuesday night, November 13, 2007, a couple members raised concerns about the voting process I had suggested for the proposed amendments to our constitution. My goal was and remains to assure the most inclusive voting process possible! My feeling is that it is difficult in our industry to get all our members together at one place and time and, therefore, we should spread out the balloting process over a week and conduct it via mail, FAX and/or email. To accomplish this, I proposed a broader interpretation of the term 'Meeting' to include our modern means of communication. However, it was pointed out on Tuesday that the constitution may stipulate an actual 'meeting', thereby restricting the voting to members present at that time.

As result, I have proposed another amendment to the constitution that would still require an actual 'meeting' but would provide for a more inclusive means of voting as long as it is completed within the following seven days.

The motions to amend the Constitution as well as the proposed balloting process are attached.

Special Meeting Announcement

Topic: Motions to Amend the Constitution of the Nursery Growers of Lake County Ohio, Inc.
Date: Friday November 30, 2007
Time: 2 PM to 4:30 PM
Location: Stratton Place (just East of Rt 528 on the north side of Rt 84)
33 East Main Street,
Madison Village, Ohio 44057

No cost

This meeting is called by President, Mark Gilson, at the request of the Executive Board.
Please plan on attending and taking part in this process!

Sincerely,
Mark Gilson, President
Nursery Growers of Lake County Ohio, Inc.
Bill Mainland, Klyn Nurseries
James Beardslee, Beardslee Nursery

Nursery Growers of Lake County Ohio, Inc.
Proposals to Amend the Constitution:

Proposal 1: Balloting Procedure

To amend Article XI 'Amendments' as follows—

From: 'The provisions of the Constitution may be changed by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of only the Active Members (one (1) vote per company) present and voting at any regular or special meeting of the Corporations, provided fifteen (15) days written notice shall have been given to the membership of the proposed change.'

To: 'The provisions of the Constitution may be changed by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of only the Active Members (one(1) vote per company) present and voting at any regular or special meeting of the Corporation, provided fifteen (15) days written notice shall have been given to the membership of the proposed change *OR by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of only the Active Members (one (1) vote per company) voting by mail ballot, FAX ballot or electronic-mail ballot within seven (7) days following an above-mentioned regular or special meeting of the Corporation with corresponding fifteen (15) days notice to the membership of the meeting, the proposed change and the balloting process.'*

Proposal 2: Name Change

To amend Article II 'Name' as follows—

From: 'Nursery Growers of Lake County Ohio, Inc.'

To: 'Lake County Nursery Association, Inc.'

If Proposal 2 passes, the following would be appended to the name wherever appropriate as a general practice:
'An association of growers and suppliers from Ohio's northeastern lakeshore region'

Proposal 3: Regional Scope

To amend Article IV, Membership Sections A & B, language defining Active Members as follows—

From: 'Lake and contiguous counties' (four counties)

To: 'Lake, Cuyahoga and contiguous counties' (eight counties)

Balloting Process on the motions to amend the constitution:

If Proposal 1 'Balloting Procedure' passes at the Special Meeting on November 30, 2007, the balloting process for Proposal 2 and Proposal 3 will take place via Mail, FAX or email ballot commencing on December 1, 2006 through 3:00 PM December 6, 2007. Charles Tubesing at The Holden Arboretum will collect and tabulate the ballots. The results will be announced at the annual Holiday Dinner Meeting on December 6, 2007 at the Perry Community Center.

If Proposal 1 does not pass, the balloting for Proposals 2 and 3 will take place at the Special Meeting on November 30, 2007.