

Frequently Asked Questions – BHA’s 2022 Annual Meeting Online Voting

When is the Annual Meeting?

The 2022 Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, January 29, 2022, beginning at 9:00am. The link to join the meeting is posted on BHA’s website at BaldHeadAssociation.com/annual-meeting-online-voting.

How can I vote before the meeting?

BHA is using the online voting system Vote HOA Now, which is a system specifically built to conduct the online elections for homeowner associations across the country. Online proxy voting for BHA’s 2022 Annual Meeting is available now and will end at 4:00pm EST on Wednesday, January 26, 2022. Members who prefer to vote via paper proxy should contact Diane Mesaris at Diane@BaldHeadAssociation.com. Paper proxies must also be received by 4:00pm on January 26, 2022, in order to be counted.

What about voting on the day of the meeting?

Voting on the day of the Annual Meeting will be via ballot using the Vote HOA Now online system and unique registration code mailed in the Annual Report package. The election on the day of the meeting will be open from 9:00am until 9:30am, so it is important for members to vote prior to the meeting or as soon as the meeting convenes at 9:00am on the 29th.

Where do I find my unique registration code?

Unique registration codes were placed at the bottom of the back page of the Annual Report. The Annual Report was mailed to BHA members on December 28, 2021. Registration codes may only be used once. If you didn’t receive your packet, contact Diane Mesaris (Diane@BaldHeadAssociation.com) and she’ll email the packet and your unique code.

Why must I have a unique email address?

The makeup of the property owners within BHA’s service area are varied. Oftentimes owners are single individuals, spouses or siblings who jointly own their properties. A number of properties are owned by limited liability corporations. Furthermore, several hundred of our property owners own multiple properties – sometimes with the same owners and sometimes with different owners. Since each of the nearly 2,000 member properties is entitled to one vote, these varying scenarios can create difficulties in ensuring the identity of those voting online. Each registration code can only be used once and it is tied to the email address used to register to vote.

I own a home and two lots with my spouse. Do I have to vote three times?

If the properties are all owned by the same owner(s), you only have to vote once. BHA has already “weighted” each of your properties for you. As an example, if Mr. and Mrs. Smith jointly own three properties, they received one unique registration code and BHA has weighted the number of votes they’re entitled to cast as three in the Vote HOA Now online voting system. As a result, Mr. or Mrs. Smith must only vote once, not three times. The confirmation page displayed at the conclusion of their voting will reflect the number of votes cast as three.

I manage two homes owned by two different limited liability corporations (LLC). Can I still vote online?

If you have two different email addresses, you may. Each LLC was given a unique registration code as part of their Annual Report package. When registering to vote online, each of those registration codes must be tied to unique email addresses for identification verification purposes. If you have access to unique email addresses for each of the properties, there should be no problem. However, if you do not have access to two unique email addresses, you cannot use the online voting system. While online voting systems help HOAs eliminate costs and make voting easier for owners, some requirements for ensuring the election’s integrity require that owners of this ownership scenario must (at least for the time being) vote via paper proxy or ballot. A paper proxy can be requested by Diane Mesaris (Diane@BaldHeadAssociation.com). It is important for paper proxies to be received by 4:00pm EST on Wednesday, January 26th in order to be counted.

If you intend to vote on the day of the meeting, request a paper ballot from Diane as soon as the meeting convenes at 9:00am EST on Saturday, January 29th. It must be returned by 9:30am EST that morning in order to be counted.

How does cumulative voting work?

Each year, there are two vacancies for the BHA Board of Directors. Members are entitled to one vote per lot or home. For the vacancies, members may cast one vote for two individual candidates or they may cast their votes cumulatively for one candidate or a combination of candidates. For example, 2 homes and one lot are owned by BHI Forest Home, LLC. The LLC is entitled to cast six votes for the Board vacancies. All six votes can be cast solely for one candidate or split among the candidates – e.g., Candidate A gets two votes and Candidate B four votes; all six votes go to Candidate C, etc. Whole numbers only, please.

Questions? Contact Carrie Moffett at Carrie@BaldHeadAssociation.com.