

# VOTING INFORMATION--2011 ELECTION

## What is an eligible voter?

An eligible voter is a property owner of record whose dues are paid up to date as of the date of the annual meeting-- August 27, 2011. The accounting firm will have a list of delinquencies and votes cast by property owners with unpaid dues will not be counted. A last chance to pay delinquent dues to restore voter eligibility will be the morning of the annual meeting between 8:30 and 10:30 A.M. at the Administration Office. At that time, payments must be made by cash, cashier's check, debit card, or by MasterCard or Visa credit cards. *Personal checks will not be accepted.*

## How do we vote?

The CRR Association By-Laws amended at the annual meeting in 1999 stipulate that "election to the Board of Directors shall be by secret written ballot" and that voting may be done "in person" (hand-delivered as described below) "or by mail-in ballot". For each election, a ballot package is automatically mailed to all the property owners, and those owning more than one property will receive one package per lot owned. To vote by mail, the property owner seals the completed ballot in the provided secrecy envelope and mails it to the accounting firm of *Henry F. Boschma Certified Public Accountant* for tabulation in the return envelope provided. The return envelopes will require a \$.44 stamp.

## Do I have to return my ballot by mail?

No. Alternatively, property owners may drop their sealed and signed return envelope containing the ballot sealed in the secrecy envelope into the "ballot box" that will be available at the annual meeting that is scheduled to start at 11:00 AM on Saturday, August 27. The ballot box will also be available at the Administration Office between 8:30 and 11:00 A.M. on 2 September—providing a last chance to vote.

## What about the ballot packages?

The ballot packages will be mailed on July 27, 2011. Property owners will be sent one for each lot they own and are asked to complete and return each ballot separately. This year, the ballot package will also contain a survey on the Whychus-Deschutes Wilderness Proposal the Board of Directors has requested. Property owners are asked to complete and return the survey in the self-addressed envelope along with the sealed secrecy envelope containing the election ballot. Participation in the survey is voluntary, *so failure to return it will not invalidate the ballot for Association offices.*

## When must the voted ballot be returned?

The accounting firm must **receive** all ballots no later than Friday, September 2, 2011-- any **received** after that date will be invalidated and not be counted in the returns. *Postmarks on mail-in ballots do not qualify!* Hand-delivered ballots in the ballot box will be transferred to the accounting firm at 11:00 sharp on 2 September.

## If I am eligible for multiple ballots, can they be returned in a single envelope?

No. Each ballot must be returned separately. Envelopes with multiple ballots will invalidate all ballots they contain.

## Can I vote for individuals not printed on the ballot?

Yes, space is provided for write-in candidates—voters must write their write-in's full name in the space provided. The By-Laws stipulate that additional candidates may be nominated from the floor at the annual meeting. The names of candidates nominated at the annual meeting will be posted on the Ranch Website to inform members not present. Any candidate so nominated will be voted on the ballot as a write-in. Write-in candidates elected must meet the same requirements as those put forward by the Nominating Committee-- must be "in good standing" defined as having "*all*" *Association dues current according to Board policy and no outstanding County code or CC&R violations.*

## Can anyone find out how I've voted once submit my ballot?

No. All ballots go, unopened, directly to the firm of Henry F. Boschma CPA for tabulation and secrecy.

## Can the public watch the tabulation process?

No. The accounting firm of *Henry F. Boschma, CPA* will tabulate the ballots. No association member, employee or Director will be present or have access to the ballots.

for 9 September, the Association Secretary will post them at the Administration Office and on the Association Website. When will the election results be known?

As soon as the accounting firm releases the results scheduled