

Board Election 2016 Voting Summary

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Timeline

Nov. 14, 2016 - Voting began at midnight. Online form and paper ballots were made available on <http://www.sfbike.org/news/2016-board-voting/>.

Nov. 17, 2016 - Opportunities to meet and hear from candidates were available at the annual All Member Meeting @ City College SF Mission Campus.

Nov. 24 - Nov. 25, 2016 - Office closed for Thanksgiving holiday.

Dec. 4, 2016 - Opportunities to meet and hear from candidates, along with in-person voting were available at Winterfest. Ballot form closed for voting after 11:59 pm; all paper ballots must have been received before midnight to be considered valid.

Dec. 5, 2016 - Start of vote certification and tabulation.

Dec. 8, 2016 - Voting results certified by Board President.

Voting Validation Process

- On Nov. 14, 2016 the voting form was posted on sfbike.org via a blog post: <http://www.sfbike.org/news/2016-board-voting/>.
- Online voting began on Monday, Nov. 14, 2016 and ended Sunday, Dec. 4, 2016 at 11:59 pm.
- In-person voting was available during office hours at the SF Bicycle Coalition office throughout the duration of the voting period. Members also had the opportunity to vote by mail via the [paper ballot](#) posted on the blog as long as the ballot is received before the voting period ends.
- Only ballots cast by SF Bicycle Coalition members who were current as of Nov. 4, 2016 11:59 pm were considered valid. The list of eligible members was created as a list in the organization's internal database reporting on membership as of Nov. 4. This exists in Salesforce as a list that all ballots were checked against. Any ballot cast by a contact not in this list at the time of voting was not counted as valid.
- Any ballots that had more than eight candidates checked off were counted as invalid.
- Any member who voted more than once had his or her votes invalidated except for the last ballot cast.

Election Results

The results were completely tabulated by Dec. 7, 2016 and resulted in the following:

1,161: Total number of ballots

987: Total valid ballots (combined online and paper, based on Salesforce records/data)

174: Number of Invalidated ballots

10.0%: Percentage of SF Bicycle Coalition members who were eligible to vote who cast a ballot

0: Number of mail-in and in-person votes

Note: The result of the data generated from our online web form prior to de-duplication and the validation process resulted in the same eight top candidates winning the election. In other words, if we had not gone through the process of checking the validity of ballots and eliminating the 174 invalid ballots, the top eight candidates would have been the same.

Result Details - Top 8 shaded candidates won election to our Board of Directors

Votes	Percentage	Candidate
776	78.62%	Nicholas Aulston
742	75.18%	Lindy Kae Patterson
740	74.97%	Adam Keats
592	59.98%	Jeremy Pollock
490	49.65%	Amandeep Jawa
467	47.32%	Chema Hernández Gil
461	46.71%	Rocky Beach
435	44.07%	Jiro Yamamoto
408	41.34%	Lisa Blumlein
404	40.93%	Marnie (Mars) Regen
392	39.72%	Abigail Tinker
369	37.39%	Lauren Sailor
332	33.64%	Marie Jonas
325	32.93%	John Beckmann
81	8.21%	Brad McManus
46	4.66%	Yogi Hendlin
11	1.11%	Write-In (no candidate received more than 1 vote)

Online Ballot Validation Process

Every person who submitted a ballot using the online form was automatically sent an email to the email address used to vote informing them that we had received a ballot. Any person who

felt this was in error was directed to contact boardvoting@sfbike.org. We received no responses that the ballot was not cast by the person who received the ballot confirmation email.

For every online ballot we received, the email address was automatically checked against our database. If there was no email match, we created a new contact using that email address. If multiples or duplicates of the email address were found, we recorded the ballot without an attached contact. A report was run to see which ballots were not attached to a contact in the database, and votes were then attributed to the correct record.

In the case that a voter used an email that did not match his or her record in our database, a duplicate was made. All new contacts created by voting were reviewed and checked against member records to determine if an existing member was using a new email address. In such a case, the duplicate contacts were merged, the new email address was added to the record, and the ballot was accepted. Any ballot cast by a new contact who was not a member was invalidated.

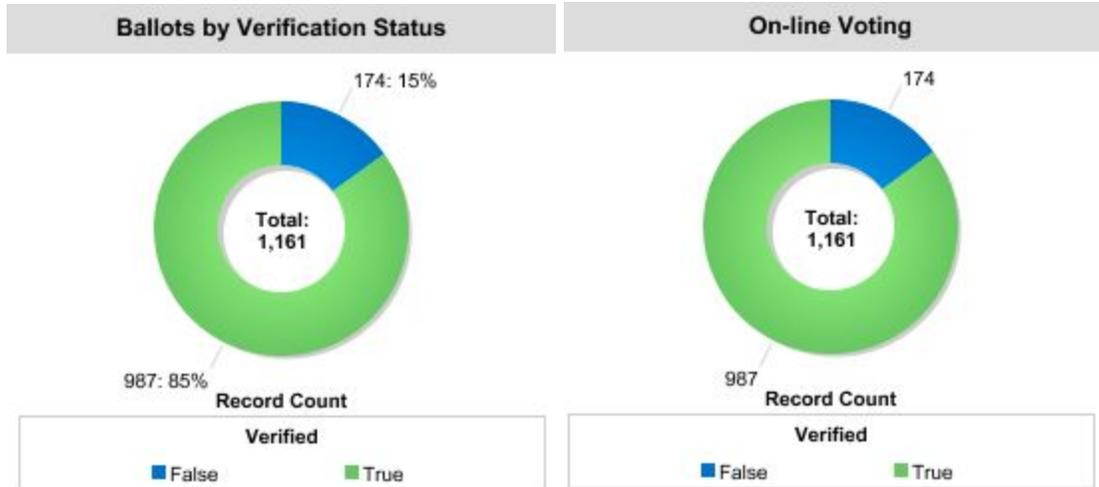
Voters were counted only once, using the last ballot they had cast. In the final results, there are no duplicate valid ballots. The 27 duplicate ballots cast were invalidated by the Election Administration staff.

Occasionally during the voting period, a member would contact us to state that they had made an error on their ballot or would like to change their selections. Those cases were fielded by the Election Administration staff. No requests were made to make changes to a ballot.

As work schedules allowed, Election Administration staff contacted voters who voted for more than eight candidates to re-vote. For this 2016 election timeline, all such invalidated voters were contacted except those that voted on the last day of voting, Sunday, Dec. 4.

On Dec. 6, a report was run of all ballots. Each ballot was analyzed for whether the email address was attached to a contact who was a member as of Nov. 4, 2016 11:59 pm. Only one ballot per eligible member was counted as valid. Where there was more than one ballot per voter, we counted only the ballot that was cast last.

Online voting results were the following:



1,161: Total ballots recorded in Salesforce

987: Validated ballots

174: Invalidated ballots (**NOTE:** some ballots fall into multiple scenarios below)

152: Ballots from people who were not in the membership report from Nov. 4, 2016

7: Test ballots by election administrators before the start of the election

27: Duplicate ballots, sometimes more than 1 duplicate per person

16: Ballots with more than 8 candidates (these were invalidated entirely)

Records

Records of online ballots are accessible to the Technology team in three locations: the original responses to our FormAssembly form processor, our Salesforce membership database and on our local file server. These records are restricted to administrator access only and are confidential.