

Games Club of Maryland Board Elections Process

To ALL GCOM Members,

The election of GCOM Board Members takes place every two years; all Board positions are for a two year term of service. The upcoming term covers January 1, 2011 to December 31st, 2012. Only current GCOM Patron and Supporting members – here forward referred to as dues-paying members -- are eligible to run for any or all Board positions.

The GCOM Bylaws describe the Board of Directors. Article IV "Board of Directors" is copied below for your review.

The election procedures and methods are detailed in the GCOM Bylaws. Article VI- "Election of Board Members" is copied below for your review.

By expressing your interest in running for a GCOM Board position, you are agreeing to abide by ALL Bylaws set by the GCOM Board of Directors and GCOM Members. You must devote a significant amount of your personal time and energy in order to fulfill the required duties of a Board Member, including frequent participation in e-mail discussions and face to face meetings.

The Board determines the frequency, time and place of face to face meetings. Article V-"Board Members and their Duties" is copied below for your review.

Step 1: The Nomination Process. Dates: September 1st - September 30th, 2010

These are the steps you need to take if you wish to run for a GCOM Board position:

1. You must ensure that your Supporting or Patron Member status is current. If not, you must purchase a Supporting or Patron Membership. Go to <http://www.gamesclubofmd.org/memberlist.asp> and click on "**How to Become a GCOM Patron, Supporting Member**" for details.
2. Express your desire to become a GCOM Board Member to a fellow GCOM dues-paying Member and to Michele Mazzola at gcom.president@gmail.com
3. You must be nominated to the Board by a fellow GCOM dues-paying member, or you may seek a nomination from a current Board member or by e-mailing Michele Mazzola at gcom.president@gmail.com
4. Upon your acceptance of the nomination you must submit a list of ALL Board Positions that you wish to run for and fill, if elected, to the current GCOM Secretary, Eric Haas at erichaas@comcast.net .
5. Nominees are encouraged to submit a written statement not to exceed 300 words to accompany your submission for a Board position(s). Any statement that you choose to make will be made available to all GCOM members, via the GCOM Website and e-mail, so that dues-paying members may ascertain your qualifications for a position on the GCOM Board of Directors.

***The Deadline for nominees to submit their list of Board positions and their written statement is October 15th, 2010.**

Step 2: Voting Process. November 1st – December 3rd, 2010

1. By November 5th, 2010, voting Ballots will be made available at GCOM locations, in printable form on the website, and at the Election Day Meeting. Ballots are designed so that voter's identities are kept separate from their votes. Complete Ballot instructions will be provided at the time of Ballot distribution.

2. Once completed, Ballots must be submitted by one of these methods:

- a) mailed to the GCOM Secretary, Eric Haas at 512 Jamestown Ct. Edgewood, MD 21040, or
- b) given to your location host, who in turn will mail them to the GCOM Secretary, or
- c) handed in person at the Election day Meeting on Friday, December 3rd, 2010 at GCOM Elkridge, 6025 Augustine Avenue, Elkridge, MD. 21075

All Ballots MUST be received by Election Day, Friday, December 3rd, 2010, 7:55pm, or they will not be counted.

Step 3: Voting Tabulation. Friday, December 3rd, 2010.

1. The final tabulation of votes will take place at 8PM on Friday, December 3rd, 2010 at GCOM Elkridge, 6025 Augustine Avenue, Elkridge, MD. 21075.

2. The newly elected GCOM Board Members' positions will be effective from January 1, 2011 to December 31st, 2012.

Thank You for your support of the Gaming Hobby,
Michele Mazzola
GCOM President