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TO: Board Members

FROM: Jack Schuster, Chair
Executive Committee Elections

SUBJECT: Nominations Process

At our next meeting the One Year Liaison position to the Executive Committee will be open for election. Currently this position is held by Steve Floyd.

I am now calling for nominations for this position. Final nominations will be called the morning of Thursday, March 12 and candidates will be announced at lunch time. Board members may nominate themselves or someone else. Steve Floyd may run for re-election to this position. Before nominating Board members, please check with them first to determine if they are willing to run. Please send nominations to me at jschuster@coastaccess.com.

Ballots will be provided the morning of Friday, March 13 and the results will be announced after lunch. The new officer's responsibilities will take effect at the end of the March meeting.

As you know we are fortunate to have a very good, hard working Executive Committee that donates many hours on our behalf. I know all of us are most appreciative of their efforts.

ARTICLE IV OFFICERS

Section 1. Designation. The officers of the Board shall be the chair the vice chair, immediate past chair, and two members at-large.

Section 2. Term of officers. (1) The chair shall serve a term of two years and may serve for no more than two consecutive two -year terms.

(2) The vice chair shall serve a term of two years and may serve no more than two consecutive two-year terms.

(3) The members at-large shall serve a term of one-year and may serve no more than two consecutive one-year terms.

(4) The immediate past chair shall serve a term of one-year.

Section 3. Officer elections. (1) **Two-year positions.** (a) The chair and vice chair shall be elected biennially by the Board at the planning meeting of the Board.

(b) Each officer under subsection (1)(a) shall take office at the end of the meeting and shall serve for a term of two years or until a successor has been duly elected. No more than two consecutive two-year terms may be served by a Board member as chair, or vice chair.

(2) **One-year position.** (a) The members at-large office positions shall be elected annually by the Board at the planning meeting of the Board.

(b) The members of the Board elected as members at-large shall take office at the end of the meeting and shall serve for a term of one year or until a successor has been duly elected. No more than two consecutive one-year terms may be served by a Board member as a member at-large.

(3) **Vacancies.** Upon a vacancy in any officer position, the position shall be filled by election not later than the date of the second ensuing regularly scheduled Board meeting. The member elected to fill the vacant officer position shall begin service on the executive committee at the end of the meeting at which she or he was elected and complete the term of office associated with the position.

Section 4. Duties. (1) **Chair.** The chair shall preside at the meetings of the Board, serve as chair of the executive committee, make committee appointments, be the official voice for the Board in matters pertaining to or concerning the Board, its programs and/or responsibilities, and otherwise be responsible for the conduct of the business of the Board.

(2) **Vice Chair.** The vice chair shall preside at Board meetings in the absence of the chair, sit on the executive committee, and assist the chair as may be requested by the chair. When the chair is not available, the vice chair shall be the official voice for the Board in all matters pertaining to or concerning the Board, its programs and/or responsibilities.

(3) **Immediate Past Chair.** The immediate past chair shall carry out duties as requested by the chair and sit on the executive committee. If the immediate past chair is not available to serve, a member of the Board will be elected in her/his place.

(4) **Members At-Large.** The members at-large shall carry out duties as requested by the chair and sit on the executive committee.