



NRA election recommendations

We've all lived through the NRA's legal battles of the last few years and have come to understand that there were many inappropriate actions being taken, by NRA senior staff, for their personal benefit and to the detriment of the membership.

While the legal battles have been settled, there is, still, much housecleaning to be done. While the personal-benefit parties have been identified and sanctioned, many of those, who allowed it, are still with us.

The general purposes of an Audit Committee are to provide oversight of financial reporting, ensure compliance with legal and regulatory requirements and monitoring the effectiveness of internal controls. Those duties and responsibilities are to be in continuous exercise, not just every now and then.

The fault, for the continued, long-term existence of the financial misconduct and for not resolving those issues, can *only be attributed to the long-standing members of NRA's BoD and other management team members, especially the Audit Committee*. They are the ones who made the decisions or looked the other way or did nothing, to prove that the financial abuse accusations were false or to investigate, then report and/or correct, them, in any way.

Those Audit Committee members, all of whom, at the time of their committee membership, were NRA BoD members and are the ones who also failed to catch or chose not to catch, then correct, the financial abuses. They are and should be held accountable, to the membership, for their multiple, long-term failures. That was their job!

Voting, in NRA elections, is weighted. Each voter has, normally, 25~26 votes (sometimes a few more, as in this year, with 28 open seats, when there are seats vacated, during the term) but you can still give only one vote, to any candidate. Using all 28 votes lessens the value of each vote. Voting, for only a few candidates, increases the impact of those few votes.

Those who are familiar with our organizations, which are the county sportsmen's/women's federations, in and for Nassau and Suffolk Counties, in NY, are aware that, for the last almost 40 years, we have always closely scrutinized the proposed ballot, for the NRA's BoD elections, then made recommendations, based on qualifications, solely. No support was ever provided, to anyone, just because s/he was a nice person or someone's friend or a great local activist, etc. That person had to have the business management, legal, political or other professional and/or educational qualifications, to sit on the board of directors of a major corporation.

Today, we need not only those with the correct educational and/or experience qualifications but those who will stand up, for the membership, not for those abusing the organization. Those NRA BoD members, who have already failed that test, *do not deserve to stay in their positions*.

In addition to voting, for BoD members, you are being asked to vote on a change in the NRA's Certificate of Incorporation. We recommend voting in favor of that proposed change.

We went through the list of candidates and, to say the least, it's still abysmal, although substantially better than last year's list! Too many of those listed are among the existing, long-term BoD members, who are the ones responsible for NRA's recent financial and political problems.

A continuation of the *status quo* is not acceptable. Consequently, *SASI* and *NCFGA* are **NOT** providing an endorsement to anyone, other than the 15 we have listed, at the end of this advice notice. We can't find anyone else, about whom we can say: "s/he meets our standards."

If you agree with us, if you want to see NRA back on the right track and truly want to show your disdain, for many on the currently offered slate of candidates, refuse to cast your vote, for other than the **15** we recommend and who appear committed to resolve any existing problems, then prevent them from reoccurring.

Our **ONLY** recommendations, in alphabetical order, are:

Callan, Sharon

Figard, Richard "Todd"

Finder, Lawrence D.

Fleetham, Jeffrey L.

Friedman, Joel

Goldstein, Jonathan S.

Hiltunen, Charles T., III

Inacker, Theresa

Mitten, David C.

Richardson, John

Rowe, Charles

Ruhland, Lane

Shuell, Mark

Tait, Frank C.

and

Wilson, Jason