

19 May, 2019

The Electoral Committee convened on 17 May, 2019 to discuss the results of the electoral referendum which was held from 10-13 May, 2019. The Committee discussed several elements of the referendum and found the following:

- The Committee found that the processes leading up to the referendum were performed in an acceptable manner. These processes included the notification of the general membership of the upcoming referendum, the announcement of the items which were up for referendum, and the opinions of the organizational leadership on these items. The Electoral Committee did not find any evidence that any member of the Central Committee had acted in a way such as to impart improper influence over the referendum.
- The Committee found that method of performing the referendum was fair and adequate. General membership was given advance notice of the method by which the referendum was to be performed and how to participate. There were also several reminders sent out during the referendum through various communications channels.
- The Committee found that the results of the referendum are legitimate and valid. No evidence of any vote tampering or attempts to improperly influence voting was found. The overall participation rate of the referendum was similar to that of similar organizations. Furthermore, each item for which a vote was taken had a high enough response rate to be considered a valid vote, with the highest abstention rate of any single item being only 1.34%.

Issues the Electoral Committee found which may possibly need addressing in the future to improve the voting process for the organization included the following:

- The Committee found little evidence of debate or discussion on the merits of the items up for referendum within the general membership. It is not necessary for members to discuss these items with each other, but discussion often leads to a better understanding of the issues. It is possible, however, that such discussion did occur amongst the membership but took place off of the general communication platforms of the SRA (Slack and Discourse).
- The Committee found that a greater effort could have been made by the Central Committee to impart the importance of the referendum to the various local organizers and encourage the organizers to make this importance known to their local membership in order to increase the overall participation rate. Voting is not mandatory for a general member of the organization but as the leadership is obligated to the membership, it is important to know the views of the membership.

In conclusion, the Electoral Committee has found the results of this referendum to be valid and binding.

I, Matt Renfroe, in my role as Chairperson of the Electoral Committee, certify this report and hereby submit it to the leadership, membership, and permanent record of the Socialist Rifle Association.



Signature

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Date