

I am Nancy Neilsen, current secretary of the board here for comments and election results:

As you are well aware our voting process took a bit more time than usual. We were unable to have our members sign in and secure a ballot for the vote/election, so validating our votes took some planning. The board reviewed the membership list in accordance with the bylaws and mailed the appropriate number of ballots to each address along with the current newsletter.

The bylaws do not stipulate the vote has be secret ballot. With the mail-in ballot and a return address of the member on that folded card, the person/s counting ballots can crosscheck to be assured the ballot is valid. The ballot counters were non-members of Huxley Historical Society with no interest in the outcome. We also asked the person/s counting the ballots to sign the final count document, and have the outcome notarized.

We understand the HHS members frustration with the countless letters they received prior to this election and we apologize for this. We are working with an attorney on this matter to secure your personal information and find a better way to keep our membership lists away from the public use. We will be more aware of the management of these lists in the future.

Now, the results: 145 ballots were mailed out.

There were 128 certified ballots with an 88 percent return – a very positive total.

Of the 17 ballots remaining there were 4 damaged and 2 posted late and eleven not returned. Those are not counted in our totals. Four of those 6 had the return address scratched off or pulled. Two of those ballots were votes for the challengers; one for the present board and 1 ballot with mixed votes. The two ballots postmarked after April 15 – all those votes were for the present board.

Return of certified ballots are following:

.....numbers read from the vote document (also on the website.)

The current list of board members: Delila Roberts, Nels Nord, Jolene Lettow, Michele Kalsem and Nancy Neilsen were duly elected.

I am holding up the signed and notarized document that will be placed online with the minutes of this meeting.

The membership voted, the votes are validated and the count notarized. Election completed. No further action is required.

NOTE: This method of voting is the most inclusive of our membership – all members whether in-State or elsewhere voted.