

1986 BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

Dear Member:

Recent events have necessitated several adjustments in the 1986 Election procedures.

By now, most of you have received your April, 1986, "Supply Line." In the feature article, "1986 Mid-Year Conference: Conflict and Resolution in Denver," mention was made of a small group of individuals from New Jersey and southern Pennsylvania and their efforts to stage a "takeover" of the Club. Under threat of lawsuit, the Board of Directors agreed to hold this election as Proving Ground demanded.

Several agreements were also reached at the Denver Board of Directors Meeting which would have had a direct effect on this election.

Now, however, it seems that some of the actions Proving Ground agreed to have not been implemented. Two of the agreements which the Board and Proving Ground entered into were that:

1. Proving Ground supporters would return to New Jersey and immediately dismantle the New Jersey corporation they reactivated prior to the Denver Mid-Year Conference, an act which would involve a couple of forms, a check, and about an hour of their time.
2. Proving Ground would publish one last issue in which they would correct all the lies and innuendoes which appeared in the various letters and publications they and their supporters distributed over the past ten months. This was absolutely essential to ensure that members would be able to vote based on facts. Pre-publication copies of that final issue of Proving Ground were to be sent for comment and approval to several Board of Directors members.

These two actions were to be completed prior to any actions by the Board of Directors concerning the agreed upon Club elections.

What really happened: When Ted Bromage and Dennis Spence returned home, they delayed over five weeks in dissolving the New Jersey Corporation. This delay allowed Proving Ground to contact their candidates for the Board of Directors and put their slate together. The Board of Directors, acting in good faith, published Rimmer's election rules after four weeks, even though Proving Ground had not lived up to any part of its agreement. When the last issue of Proving Ground did come out, it failed to include any input by the Board of Directors and failed to make the corrections promised. The Board of Directors was left with no choice but to make those corrections themselves in the June 1986 issue of "Supply Line."

Other problems in the election process have been discovered as well.

Canadian and European Board of Directors members and other Club members living outside the U.S. have expressed anger and dismay that under the Harry Rimmer election procedures, they would be disenfranchised. They contend that any such election would be illegal and the results void.

Several current members of the Board of Directors were elected for four-year terms by a vote of the entire membership. These Directors have pointed out that they have two years of their terms left to serve. The Rimmer plan would make them run for re-election now.

Under the Rimmer/Proving Ground plan, members would lose their right to a secret ballot and be required to identify themselves on their ballot by name, membership number, and address.

These losses of member rights can't be ignored. The purpose of the Election Committee is to oversee a fair election and the preservation of members' rights.

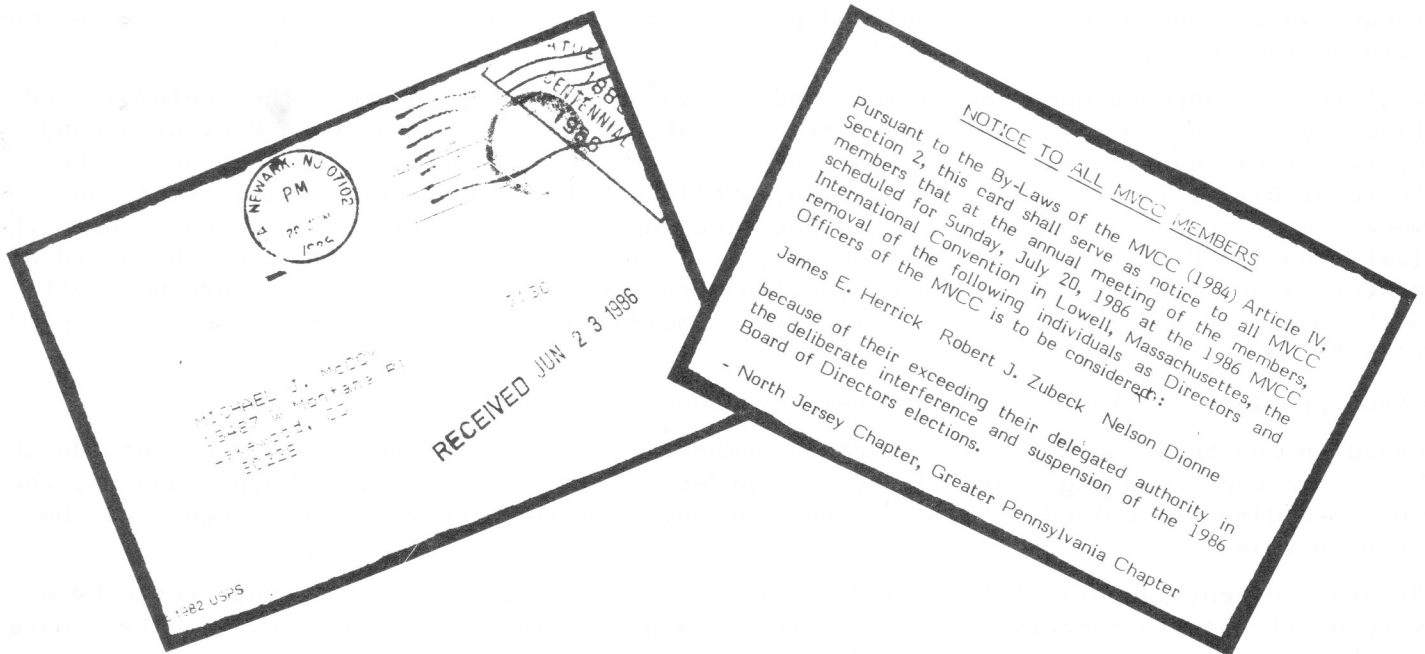
Generally, the conduct of this election will be the same as previous elections except that:

1. The nominating process ended on 20 June 1986.
2. The time limits on voting will be from 7 July 1986 until 12 p.m. MST, 1 September 1986.
3. Ballots will be counted until the first week of October, 1986.
4. Candidates will run as either being supportive of the current Club management or of Proving Ground. This will amount to a vote of confidence in the current management of the Club, the people who founded and have directed the MVCC for the past ten years.

Several times prior to the Board's current move to correct election flaws, members of the Election Committee tried to work with Proving Ground and were refused. Even at the time of the Board vote, MVCC President Jack Tomlin asked for an additional delay on behalf of Proving Ground, thus further putting off the election.

One final irony: In Denver, the Board of Directors acted in good faith to avoid a continuance of Proving Ground's fight. The Board of Directors voted to try to work with Dennis Spence, Ted Bromage and Harry Rimmer on an election procedure of Proving Ground's design. When the Election Committee discovered the above-mentioned problems in this procedure, they suggested corrections they felt were necessary to ensure a fair election. The Board of Directors' vote on these changes to support a fair election was 14 to 2 with only Barbara Janquitto and Dennis Spence in opposition. (Jack Tomlin and Buz Bowling did not return ballots.)

Furthermore, because of their actions to ensure a fair election with all members voting on the issues, three members of the Board of Directors have recently been singled out to be further harrassed and intimidated by the same two chapters which started Proving Ground:



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