



## ***2019 Germania Director Election Frequently Asked Questions***

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**Q: Where can I learn about the director candidates that are on the ballot?**

A: The biographies and photos of each of the four director candidates are included in the director ballot packet that will be mailed to each Germania Farm Mutual policyholder the last week of March. Their biographies and photos will also be published in the spring issue of our quarterly newsletter, Germania Today, which Germania policyholders will receive in the mail. Germania Today will also be available in late March on our website: [www.GermaniaInsurance.com](http://www.GermaniaInsurance.com).

**Q: Do I vote for each candidate?**

A: Yes, all of Germania's board positions are statewide, which gives our policyholders the opportunity to vote on each candidate. All four positions are uncontested.

**Q: Can I bring my ballot to my Local Chapter meeting?**

A: No, voting can only be by return mail or online using the information provided on your ballot.

**Q: Who administers the election?**

A: Germania contracted with Survey and Ballot Systems (SBS), a third-party independent partner, to administer our election in 2019. SBS, located in Minnesota, offers voting technology through myDirectVote, which provides accurate and secure results. SBS has conducted hundreds of elections with millions of voters annually since 1990.

**Q: Can I include my premium payment when I mail my ballot?**

A: No, the postage-paid envelope provided is only to be used to return your ballot as this mailing goes to the office of our third-party service vendor in Minnesota.

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**Q: What is the deadline to vote?**

A: The election ends on April 30, 2019. All mail-in ballots must be received in the SBS office by close of business day on April 30; online voting will be available until 11:59 p.m. April 30.

**Q: Why did I receive this information by mail and by e-mail?**

A: We recognize that many of our policyholders prefer the ease of doing business online. If we have your e-mail address, we will send you the same information via e-mail that we send to you by mail.

**Q: Why did I receive more than one mailing/e-mail?**

A: If you have multiple policies with different named insureds for each, you will receive a mailing (ballot) for each of those memberships. Each membership is entitled to a vote. If voting by mail, you may include all ballots in the same envelope; if voting online, each ballot has its own unique ballot numbers and you will need to enter each ballot in separately to vote for each membership.

**Q: Where can I get more information about the St. Baldrick's Foundation charity that Germania is contributing to for each member who votes?**

A: St. Baldrick's exists as a charity to raise money to help conquer childhood cancers. For more information on this charity, please visit their website: [www.stbaldricks.org](http://www.stbaldricks.org).

**Q: How will I know if I am one of the 25 random winners of the Ring Door Bell home security devices?**

A: You will be contacted by mail or by e-mail during the first two weeks of May to congratulate you and to make sure we have your proper shipping address.

**Q: How will the voting results be communicated?**

A: Results of the voting will be available by May 6, 2019 on Germania's website, [www.GermaniaInsurance.com](http://www.GermaniaInsurance.com), and will also be published in the summer issue of Germania Today, which will be available on our website in mid to late June.

**Q: Who do I contact if I have additional questions on voting?**

A: Please contact our service partner during the voting period via their toll-free customer service number or by e-mail – both are provided on the ballot. SBS will be available to assist you by phone with technical election support from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday–Friday (CDT). For non-technical or other questions, please contact Germania at 800-392-2202 (Ext. 1007), direct at 979-830-7533, or e-mail: [GermaniaExecutive@GermaniaInsurance.com](mailto:GermaniaExecutive@GermaniaInsurance.com).



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