Electronic/Digital Voting Committee Report for December 2016

First meeting: Saturday, October 7, 2016 immediately after adjournment of the BOT meeting at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in San Diego

Attendees: Harold A – Chair – Area 2, Hamid K – Area 1A, Russ M – Area 6A, Beth Z – Area 2, Barry H – Area 12, Gagik G – Area 1, Ian S – Area 6D, Roger L – Area 2 Absent: Frank L – Area 12

Purpose of the meeting: To get acquainted in a first meeting of a brand new committee and brainstorm ideas that after input from some members after the meeting has resulted in the following Mission Statement that also had input from BOT Chair Andy R.

Mission Statement: To explore various electronic/digital platforms allowing voting by use of a device. The system would encompass all forms of voting including attendance, roll calls, and amendment issues. Any system considered for presentation should provide benefits such as increasing accuracy and accountability while also being affordable.

Voting on Mission Statement:

Russ M. yes Ian S. yes Roger L. yes Frank L. yes Barry H. yes Gagik G. yes Beth Z. yes Hamid K.

Summary of work done since initial meeting:

I have had three phone calls with Barry H. whose previous research and knowledge of the various platforms has been invaluable in moving things along for presentation to the committee in our next meeting by conference call. We will leave the technical details for explanation at that meeting, however before we can move forward with any of the 2-3 platforms/companies that would seem to meet the needs and requirements of GA there are some things that need to be addressed.

- 1. We need a Non-Disclosure Statement that will likely need to come from the Board of Regents. We cannot engage any potential prospective company as GA without that statement or they could possibly make an attempt to say GA is either a client or prospective client – and the sales representatives from these companies are very aggressive.
- 2. We must address the needs of Karen H. and how we integrate any potential system into how she needs and wants to capture voting information.

Next meeting: Date pending but it will be by conference call in January or early February.

Respectfully submitted,

Harold A. Area 2 Trustee Chair: Electronic/Digital Voting Committee