

Robert Thibodeau Proposal

1. I would reduce the current Executive officers by making outreach a Committee. As is currently done, all stakeholders would vote for all the Executive officers.
2. For the community officers, I think the best "fix" is to allow stakeholders to vote for up to 13 community officers (or less).
3. I would not divide Venice up into area/districts for the reasons that were elaborated at the March 19 Board meeting. Area/districts are not equitable as there will be people voted into office with less votes than others who don't get elected. Area/districts will limit voter participation. Area/districts will divide Venice at a time when we need more unity.
4. In my 8 years of participation on the VNC I have seen all areas of Venice represented and I have seen a diversity within the board. The statement regarding "increased diversity" is hearsay and I have not seen statistics that prove otherwise.
5. Venice has had the highest voter participation of any CD in the NC system. Why would we model our system around other NCs that don't have the same turnout we do? If it aint broke, don't fix it.
6. By allowing stakeholders to vote for every position available, we will fix the one major flaw to our system. Voters under this system would be allowed to vote for 100% of the board, not 42% as is the current system, or 55% as was proposed in the failed revised system.