

# eBallot Test Results

Balloting and Voting Process Review

Prepared for the  
Grand York Rite of New Mexico  
Grand Sessions Planning Committee

# Test Ballot Overview

- Test was conducted on 5-12-20 between 6:00pm and 10:30pm MST
- Three ballots of three questions each
  - Three ballots generated to establish the ability to use a separate ballot for each voting session
  - Each ballot was designed to test different features of the ballot construction process
  - An email notification was sent to every designated delegate/voter per ballot at a designated time (5-12-20 12:00pm)
  - Each ballot/voting window was scheduled to open and close at specific times

SETTINGS QUESTIONS VOTERS EMAIL REPORTS

Ballot Title  
GYRNM - Test Ballot #1

Ballot Type ⓘ  
Regular

Anonymous Voting ⓘ  
Yes

Schedule

Time Zone (GMT-07:00) Mountain Time (US & Canada) \*

Ballot Opens 05/12/2020 06 : 00 : PM

Ballot Closes 05/12/2020 10 : 00 : PM

Date When Results Are Available ⓘ 05/12/2020 06 : 00 : PM

Review Page Details ⓘ

Show review page Yes

Affidavit Statement Yes

By checking this box, you are electronically signing this form and verifying that you are the Committee member listed above. Note: A confirmation checkbox will also be displayed after this affidavit statement on the review page.

Viewer Email Confirmation ⓘ

Yes

Allow Parked Voting ⓘ  
Note: You cannot set parked voting for an anonymous election.

No

Personalized Email

Subject:

Content:

GYRNM - Test Ballot #1

Status: Your ballot is completed. [Check list](#) [Deactivate ballot](#)

SETTINGS QUESTIONS VOTERS EMAIL REPORTS

Campaigns remaining 0 Buy

CREATE CAMPAIGN ⓘ

Name	To	Send Date	Status	Sent	Delivered	Fail	
Test Ballot #1	All eligible voters	05/12/2020 12:05 PM MST	Delivered	10	10	0	

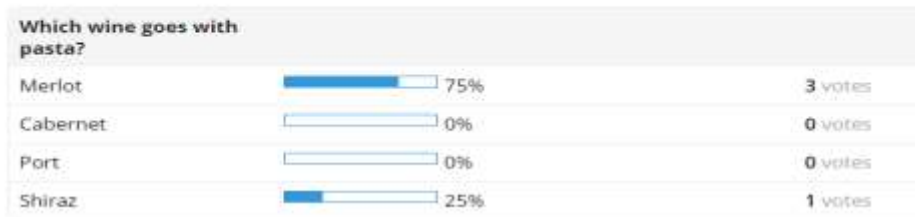
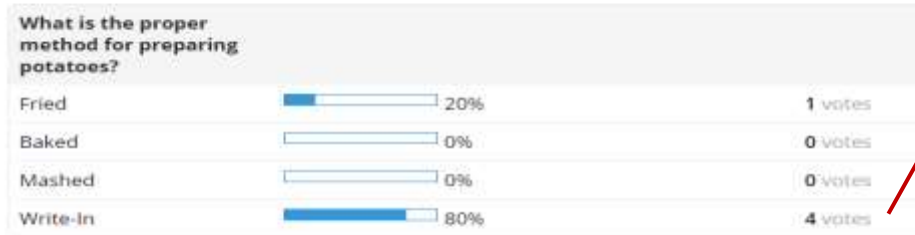
# Test Ballot Setting Details


- **Ballot #1**
  - All voters on list (10), anonymous voting, real-time results, review page, affidavit statement, email confirmation
  - All questions required single choice, multiple options, questions could have been skipped (none were)
- **Ballot #2**
  - Eight voters (two “edited” off list), non-anonymous voting, real-time results, review page, affidavit statement, no email confirmation
  - Questions were multiple choice, multiple selection w/write in option, yes-no, two of three required a response
- **Ballot #3**
  - All voters, “filtered” delegates, anonymous voting, real-time results, review page, affidavit statement, no email confirmation
  - Questions were weighted, yes-no, response required for two of three, multi-choice, filtered

Ballot Title	Opens	Closes	Voters
☐ GYRNM - Test Ballot #1	05/12/2020 6:00 PM MST	05/12/2020 10:00 PM MST	10
↳ What's for dinner?			10
↳ What is the proper method for preparing potatoes?			10
↳ Which wine goes with pasta?			10
☐ GYRNM - Test Ballot #2	05/12/2020 6:15 PM MST	05/12/2020 10:15 PM MST	8
↳ I am in favor of replacing face to face meetings with online meetings.			8
↳ My favorite classical composers are;			8
↳ Who is older?			8
☐ GYRNM - Test Ballot #3	05/12/2020 6:30 PM MST	05/12/2020 10:30 PM MST	10
↳ Should Pop musicians be elected into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame?			10
↳ Rank the following music genres by most favorite to least favorite.			10
↳ What is your favorite PC Operating System			10

# Test Ballot #1 (Anonymous) Results

- Ballot # 1 – 5/10 voters participated, 5 votes cast for 2 questions, 4 votes for 1 question, write-in option utilized



Write-In Questions Download: 

Question Title	Write-In Text	Weight	Votes Count
What is the proper method for preparing potatoes?	Poached	99.0000000000	1
	Raw	99.0000000000	1
	scalloped	99.0000000000	1
	twice baked	99.0000000000	1

SETTINGS QUESTIONS VOTERS EMAIL **REPORTS**

Statistics

Voter Activity

Results

ACTIVITY REPORT **VOTED** VIEWED BUT NOT VOTED NOT VOTED DOWNLOAD

Username	First Name	Last Name	Email	Filter 1	Filter 2
NMYR_005	Chris	Larsen	c.larsen@comcast.net		
NMYR_006	Jeff	Johnson	jeff@jeffreyjohnson.com		
NMYR_007	Dennis	Detrow	drdetrow53@gmail.com		
NMYR_009	James	Overfelt	james.overfelt@gmail.com		
NMYR_010	John	Miller	gyrfla@verizon.net		

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# Test Ballot #2 (Non-Anonymous) Results

- Ballot # 2 – 5/8 voters participated,

GYRNM - Test Ballot #2

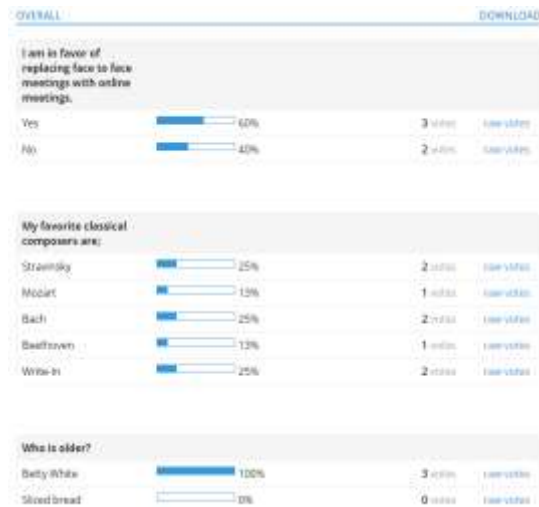
Status: Your ballot is completed. [Check list](#) [Deactivate ballot](#)

SETTINGS QUESTIONS **VOTERS** EMAIL REPORTS

IMPORT DOWNLOAD SEARCH

Username	Access Code	First Name	Last Name	Email	Filter1	Filter2	Voted
NMYR_003		Adam	Hathaway	stedefast@xmsn.com			N
NMYR_004		Erick	VanEckhoutte	vaneckhoutte@lve.com	Chapter		N
NMYR_005		Chris	Larsen	c.larsen@comcast.net			Y
NMYR_006		Jeff	Johnson	jeff@jeffreyjohnson.com			Y
NMYR_007		Dennis	Detrow	drdetrow53@gmail.com	Chapter		Y
NMYR_008		Dion	Newhouse	dionnewhouse1@gmail.com	Chapter		N
NMYR_009		James	Overfelt	james.overfelt@gmail.com			Y
NMYR_010		John	Miller	gyrfla@verizon.net			Y

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Status: Your ballot is completed. [Check list](#) [Deactivate ballot](#)

SETTINGS QUESTIONS VOTERS EMAIL **REPORTS**

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Username	First Name	Last Name	Email	Filter 1	Filter 2
NMYR_005	Chris	Larsen	c.larsen@comcast.net		
NMYR_006	Jeff	Johnson	jeff@jeffreyjohnson.com		
NMYR_007	Dennis	Detrow	drdetrow53@gmail.com	Chapter	
NMYR_009	James	Overfelt	james.overfelt@gmail.com		
NMYR_010	John	Miller	gyrfla@verizon.net		

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Raw Voters Report

3 voters, 1 Page, 3 on this page

Username	First Name	Last Name	Email	Filter1	Filter2	Date Voted
NMYR_005	Chris	Larsen	c.larsen@comcast.net			2020-05-12 18:17:27.817 (GMT-07:00) Mountain Time (US & Canada)
NMYR_009	James	Overfelt	james.overfelt@gmail.com			2020-05-12 19:27:34.66 (GMT-07:00) Mountain Time (US & Canada)
NMYR_006	Jeff	Johnson	jeff@jeffreyjohnson.com			2020-05-12 21:41:52.107 (GMT-07:00) Mountain Time (US & Canada)

Raw Voters Report

2 voters, 1 Page, 2 on this page

Username	First Name	Last Name	Email	Filter1	Filter2	Date Voted
NMYR_010	John	Miller	gyrfla@verizon.net			2020-05-12 18:27:35.503 (GMT-07:00) Mountain Time (US & Canada)
NMYR_007	Dennis	Detrow	drdetrow53@gmail.com	Chapter		2020-05-12 18:42:18.073 (GMT-07:00) Mountain Time (US & Canada)

# Other Test Ballot Reports

## Test Ballot #2 (not anon) Raw Report

NMYR_007	Dennis	Detrow	drdetrow53@gmail.com	Chapter	My favorite classical composers are;	Mozart	2020-05-12 18:42:18.073 (GMT-07:00) Mountain Time (US & Canada)
NMYR_007	Dennis	Detrow	drdetrow53@gmail.com	Chapter	Who is older?	Betty White	2020-05-12 18:42:18.073 (GMT-07:00) Mountain Time (US & Canada)
NMYR_009	James	Overfelt	james.overfelt@gmail.com		I am in favor of replacing face to face meetings with online meetings.	Yes	2020-05-12 19:27:24.66 (GMT-07:00) Mountain Time (US & Canada)
NMYR_009	James	Overfelt	james.overfelt@gmail.com		My favorite classical composers are;	Write-In Gerard K is as old as Sliced Bread	2020-05-12 19:27:24.66 (GMT-07:00) Mountain Time (US & Canada)
NMYR_009	James	Overfelt	james.overfelt@gmail.com		Who is older?	Betty White	2020-05-12 19:27:24.66 (GMT-07:00) Mountain Time (US & Canada)
NMYR_006	Jeff	Johnson	jeff@jeffreyjohnson.com		I am in favor of replacing face to face meetings with online meetings.	Yes	2020-05-12 21:41:52.107 (GMT-07:00) Mountain Time (US & Canada)

## Test Ballot #2 Summary Voter Activity Report

GYRNM - Test Ballot #2



# Delegate Vote Weighting

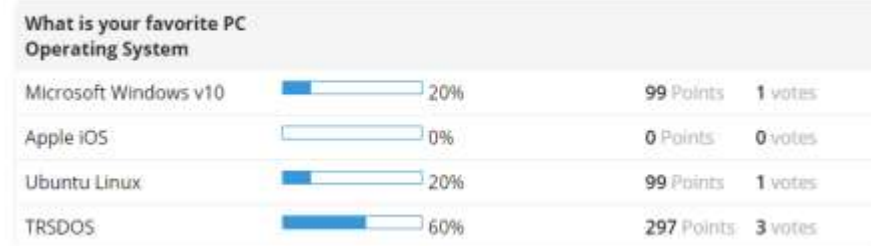
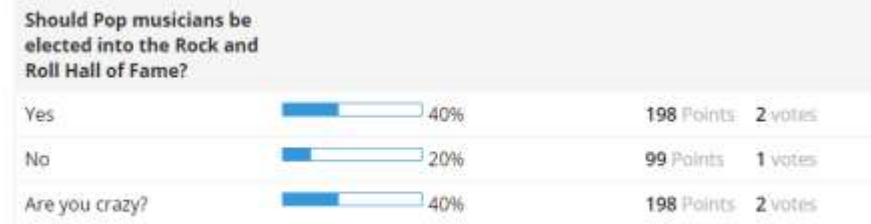
- Design as implemented in eBallot is to provide designated voters a greater influence in outcome of vote on specific questions or the overall ballot

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
1	UserName	Access Code	FirstName	LastName	Email	Filter1	Filter2	weight	
2	NMYR_001		DW	Winchester	dww263@gmail.com			1	
3	NMYR_002		Sky	Olsen	skyolsen@ymail.com			99	
4	NMYR_003		Adam	Hathaway	stedefast@msn.com			99	
5	NMYR_004		Erick	VanEckhoutte	vaneckhoutte@live.com			99	
6	NMYR_005		Chris	Larsen	c.larsen@comcast.net			99	
7	NMYR_006		Jeff	Johnson	jeff@jeffreydjohnson.com			99	
8	NMYR_007		Dennis	Detrow	drdetrow53@gmail.com			99	
9	NMYR_008		Dion	Newhouse	dionnewhouse1@gmail.com			99	
10	NMYR_009		James	Overfelt	james.overfelt@gmail.com			99	
11	NMYR_010		John	Miller	gyrfla@verizon.net			99	
12									
13									

NMYR\_010                      John                      Miller                      gyrfla@verizon.net

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First Name	<input type="text" value="John"/>	Last Name	<input type="text" value="Miller"/>
Filter1	<input type="text"/>	Filter2	<input type="text"/>
Weight	<input type="text" value="1.0000000000"/>	<input type="button" value="SAVE"/>	

NMYR\_002    a5tpwY8                      Sky                      Olsen                      skyolsen@ymail.com





# Summary - Assessment - Conclusion



The Good

- Only specified recipients of email link can access system to vote
  - Excellent control of access to system
- Automated email features of eBallot worked as documented and expected
  - “Set it and forget it”
- Anonymous voting is secure enough to “maintain secrecy of the vote”, however some visibility into voter activity is sacrificed
- Three separate ballots can be created, i.e., one for each body, and a subset of eligible delegates can be assigned to each ballot from a “complete” list of delegates (as registered?)
  - No need to shift to alternate platform (Zoom) for any of the grand body’s ballots
- Ballots and voter lists can be edited “on the fly”
  - With caveats!



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## The Bad

- Only delegates/voters with email addresses are able to access the system and vote
  - No provisions for paper ballots or phone-in voting
- An email campaign leading up to the sessions will be required to remind and encourage attendees/delegates/voters to participate (and vote)
  - Of the group with stakes in this process only 5 of 10 eligible voters participated
- Attention to detail important in setting parameters for each ballot and question
  - There are multiple settings/features that need to be enabled or left at default
- Start and end times for voting must be specified
  - End time can be altered during the open portion of the voting window

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The Ugly

- Initial setup time for the ballots is time consuming
  - Grand Secretary has already provided positions for prebuild but each position will still require the addition of the “assumed progressive line” and “floor” nominees
  - Strongly recommend a checklist be established and independent second check be performed
- Proxy voters will likely include “last minute updates” to voter list
  - Impact will vary with number of such voters
- Delegates holding multiple votes will receive separate email authorization links for each vote they hold
- Email authorization links are not likely to be received by all delegates at the same time
  - No guarantee of timeliness of email receipt.

