2026 RAILS Board Member Nomination/Election Timeline

Action	Responsibility	Timing/Due Date
Compile a list of possible names for the nominating committee to give to the Board President.	Monica Harris	January 2-30
Appoint a nominating committee	Gwen Gregory	February 2 - March 2
Schedule a meeting of the nominating committee	Stacy Palmisano	March 2-16
Contact current eligible RAILS Board members with June 2026 term expirations to determine their interest in running for new 3-year terms.	Nominating committee chair: Alex Vancina	March 2-20
Call for nominations 3/18 (Wednesday, e-news day)	Dan Bostrom	March 18 & April 15
Film & edit short candidate videos – ongoing from date of nomination	Ola Gronski	March 18-May 1
Nominations due		April 17
Prepare the ballot and proposed process for conducting the election via the RAILS website (including videos of each candidate). It will take longer to prepare. The Nominating Committee can still meet to review the ballot and discuss the proposed election process before the videos are complete.	Dan Bostrom/Brian Smith	April 17-May 1
Prepare a social media campaign	Ola Gronski	April 20-May 1
Nominating committee meets • Review proposed election process • Review nominations and discuss proposed ballot	Stacy Palmisano schedules	April 20-May 1 TBD
Post ballot/election information on website	Brian Smith	After the nominating committee meets
Send out election mailer	Ola Gronski	May 1
Run the election and publicize	Dan Bostrom	May 6 – May 22
Compile election results	Brian Smith	May 26
Contact current board members to determine interest in running for officer/President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, at-large member appointed by newly seated President, with RAILS Board acceptance.	Nominating committee chair: Alex Vancina	By May 29
Nominating committee meets • Verify election results • Propose slate of officers for RAILS Board election	Stacy Palmisano	June 1- June 5
Notify successful/unsuccessful candidates • Notify the RAILS Board of election results • Invite successful candidates to the June board meeting	Nominating committee chair: Alex Vancina	After the nominating committee meets

Publicize election results	Dan Bostrom/Communications	After all candidates are contacted