

Article 19 - Election Rules (Election of Officers)

Section One

Election Officer - The position of Election Officer is a position which is selected by the Chairperson and two Co-Chairpersons of the Association. The Election Officer position will have a term of three years.

The duties of the Election Officer are to collect nominations of prospective candidates for the Officer positions of the Association, collect and handle all vote tabulations and issue the results of the Elections.

This position should not be held by a member of the Board of Directors, and the position will not be considered a part of the Board of Directors.

Section Two

All prospective candidates for Officer positions of the Association must be nominated and/or identified three months prior to the date of the Election. Anyone deciding to run after that time limit will not be able to run, except in the case where no one has decided to run or has been nominated, and the office would remain vacant otherwise. All nominations must be made to the Election Officer.

Section Three

All prospective candidates and the positions which they will be running for are to be published by the Election Officer to the State Directors and other Board of Directors. This notification is to be made no later than two months before the date of the Election.

Section Four

No person should hold more than one elected position at a time. In the event that no one is nominated or comes forth to consider becoming an Officer, a present Officer may announce their candidacy for another position. Once this person has announced their intentions for running for another Officer position, nominations will be accepted for the Election of the office in which the present officer resided.

Section Five

The voting for elected positions will be completed by written response either through the mail or in person when voting coincides with conferences. All mail in voting must be received by the Election Officer no later than one week prior to the Election date. All in person voting must be completed by a specified time that the Election Officer must announce to those Directors present. All votes will be counted by the Election Officer and the announcement of the elected Officers will take place on the Election Date (whether by mail or during a conference).

Section Six

All votes must be signed by the Board of Directors and delivered only to the Election Officer. The Election Officer will keep all votes received confidential so that no one other than the Election Officer will know who someone voted for. The votes will be kept on file until all elected Officers have been announced and notified.

Section Seven

In the event of a tie for any elected position, the Election Officer will cast the deciding vote unless the Chairman of the Board is not a State Director, which in that case, the Chairman would cast the deciding vote.