

## Elections and Ballots

Section 1. No member shall have his/her name placed in nomination for more than one office on any ballot.

Section 2. The Nominating Committee shall prepare a list of nominees for chapter office vacancies as they occur. All nominees must be Members in good standing, and must consent to the nomination.

Section 3. A list of those nominated by the Nominating Committee shall be communicated The Secretary, who must receive such nominations and biographical information, at least four weeks before the Annual Business Meeting.

Section 4. The Secretary shall prepare and provide a Ballot to each Member together with biographical information on all nominees not less than three weeks before the Annual Business Meeting.

Section 5. The closing date for receipt of the completed ballots by the Secretary shall be specified by The Secretary, but shall be no less than 5 days before the Annual Business Meeting.

Section 6. The Secretary shall be responsible for the integrity of the election process. Balloting by electronic means shall be permitted. In the event of a tie vote for any office, the Board of Directors will vote at the Board Meeting that precedes the Annual Business meeting. The votes of all Board members attending shall be counted at once and the results announced. In the event of a tie vote by the Board, the tie shall be resolved by the flip of a coin by the Chapter President.

Section 7. The results of the election shall be announced at the Annual Business Meeting.

Section 8. At the conclusion of the Annual Meeting, all ballots shall be destroyed.

## Amendments

Section 1. Amendments to the Bylaws may be proposed by the ExCom, the Bylaws committee, or by petition bearing the signatures of at least three members in good standing. Proposed Amendments must be brought to the attention of the Chairman of the By-Laws Committee (i.e. the Past-President).

Section 2. Proposed amendments presented to the Bylaws committee shall be communicated to the Board, along with the By-Laws committee's recommendation on the proposed amendments.

Section 3. The Secretary shall communicate the proposed amendment, a statement of its importance, and any arguments for or against the amendment to the membership. The Secretary shall also provide a ballot to each Member for final approval or rejection.

Section 4. The Secretary shall be responsible for the integrity of the balloting process.

Section 5. The Secretary shall include a date, which shall be between fifteen and thirty days from the day the ballots are sent, by which completed ballots must be returned to be counted.

Section 6. The balloting procedure shall be as outlined in these Bylaws. Balloting by electronic means shall be permitted.

Section 7. Amendments to these Bylaws shall be adopted after a favorable vote of two-thirds of the ballots received.