

V. Nominations and Elections

The Nominations Committee chair or a person designated by the Staff Assembly Chair will read the policy or procedure to the delegates prior to the election process.

The nominating committee chair shall present their report. In the chair's absence, the committee may designate a person to present the report.

The Committee Chair or designee announces the names of each nominated candidate, in alphabetical order for each of the offices.

For each office, the Staff Assembly chair inquires whether there are additional nomination's from the floor.

Floor candidates must accept nomination or self-nominate in order to be considered in the election process.

When nominations are complete, the Staff Assembly chair declares the nominations for that office closed.

All candidates will be allowed two minutes to speak on his or her behalf.

The balloting for each office takes place immediately following the close of the nomination process and the candidate speeches. The number of votes that a member institution may cast is governed by Article II, Section (i) of the Staff Assembly By-Laws.

After nominations for an office are closed, if there is only one candidate for the office, the Staff Assembly chair may entertain a motion to dispense with the ballot for the uncontested office and appoint the new officer.

The Staff Assembly chair informs candidates that a neutral party will observe the counting of the ballots.

Delegates may be nominated and run for more than one office. Using a single-ballot election method, in the case of a delegate being elected for more than one office, the delegate will choose the office he or she wishes to accept. For the office denied, if more than one other candidate was nominated for that office, a runoff election will be held to fill the seat.

Any candidate who receives a majority of the votes cast is declared elected. In the event no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast for a contested office, voting continues with the use of special ballots which will include the names of all the candidates running for that office except that of the candidate who received the fewest votes on the previous ballot. Such procedure will continue until one of the candidates receives a majority of the votes.

Upon conclusion the Staff Assembly elections, all results are final.

All ballots are retained for 24 hours following the close of the Meeting, for review only by the Staff Assembly Executive Committee as necessary, and immediately thereafter destroyed by the secretary.