

BYLAWS Excerpt for “ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS OF CANDIDATES FOR OFFICES”

2017 AAAEA Capital Chapter

ARTICLE IX – ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS OF CANDIDATES FOR OFFICES

Section 1. Qualifications

- A. Any candidate or nominee for any office shall be a Regular Full Member practicing in or retired from his/her special field of engineering, architectural, or information technology with good moral character and have been a member in good standing (dues paid on time in accordance with the association by-laws) for at least one year.
- B. A nominee for the Office of President or Vice President shall also have served this Association for at least one year in the capacity of an Officer or a Committee Chairperson.

Section 2. Nominations

Nominations for any Office shall be made either by any member in good standing, the nominee himself or herself, or the Ad Hoc Nomination and Election Committee as defined in Section 3 of this Article or by petition as provided in Sections 3 and 4 below. There shall be no nominations from the floor.

Section 3. Ad Hoc Nomination and Election Committee

- A. The President, with the approval of the Executive Board, shall appoint no later than August 1st of each year an Ad Hoc Nomination and Election Committee consisting of no less than three members of the Association who are known for their active interest in the affairs of the Association.
- B. The Nomination and Election Committee shall, by letter or announcement to the membership, solicit candidates to fill all positions of the Executive Committee. Any qualified member of the Association may nominate him/her self or recommend any other qualified member by submitting the name of the individual to the Nomination and Election Committee and the office for which the individual is being nominated.
- C. The individual whose name is submitted for nomination shall submit a letter and a biographical statement to the Nomination and Election Committee confirming his/her willingness to serve in the Office of interest, indicating his/her qualifications for the Office, past offices held in the Association or other organizations, activities and services undertaken for the organization, and his/her short term and long term goals for the Office for which he/she is being nominated.
- D. The Committee shall evaluate all candidates according to these By-Laws, including interviewing them by telephone or in person, as deemed necessary at the Committee's sole discretion. The Nomination and Election Committee shall submit the slate of all nominees who meet the requirements of the By-Laws to the President by November 1 of each year.

Section 4. Nomination by Petition

Any person, whose name was not previously submitted to the Nomination and Election Committee, may still seek election by submitting a petition to the Nomination and Election Committee no later than October 15. The petition shall be signed by at least five (5) voting members who have been members for at least one year prior to signing the petition. The petition shall include all the information required under Article IX Section 3-C. The Nomination and Election Committee shall acknowledge the receipt of the petition within five days of its receipt. The Nomination and Election Committee shall submit and include the name of such person to the General Assembly at the Election Meeting in December with the names slated by the Nomination and Election Committee.

Section 5. A simple majority of the votes cast shall be necessary for the election of the members of the Executive Committee.

Section 6. If the number of candidates for the same office exceeds two and no candidate receives a majority vote, a runoff election will be held immediately between the two candidates receiving the most votes, or between all candidates if there is a tie among them. If the number of candidates for the same office does not exceed two and a tie occurs, the tie will be broken by lottery.

Section 7. Election Voting: Votes, by all eligible members, may be cast in person at the Election Meeting in December of each year or via any other acceptable and secure medium as determined by the Nomination and Election Committee.

Section 8. All elections shall be conducted by the Nomination and Election Committee. The results of the balloting of all elections shall be announced to the General Assembly and reported to the members.