

**Proposal for Changes to the existing Election Policies and Procedures.**  
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**1. Changes required to existing Policy & Procedures Section VIII.**

- 1.1. Strike item 1 “The Board of Directors is elected in **November** of each year.”
- 1.2. Strike item 2 c “Nominations to Board positions will be solicited during October, and voting, if required, will be conducted during **November**.”
- 1.3. Strike item 2 d “If no positions are contested, there will be no voting. In this event the election of the new Directors will be confirmed by acclamation at the next Regular Annual Meeting of the general membership.”
- 1.4. Strike item 2 f “The Board will adopt reasonable procedures to ensure that every Club member has the opportunity to nominate and vote for candidates, for example, by enabling members to submit nominations and votes in person, by mail, or by email.
- 1.5. Change the phrase in 2 g from “The Board will adopt reasonable procedures to ensure” to “The Board shall make reasonable efforts to ensure”
- 1.6. Strike item 2 h “The Board will take reasonable measures to preserve the anonymity of each ballot received in person or by mail; however, the Board does not and cannot guarantee the anonymity of votes cast by email. Members choosing to vote by email acknowledge thereby that votes cannot practically be cast anonymously by email.”

**2. Text to be added to the current Policy & Procedures**

- 2.1. Members will be reminded and made aware of the election process during the month of October. For those who cannot be reached electronically, a paper-based reminder shall be used.
- 2.2. The Size of the board may not be changed once nominations have been opened (Note: this may already be covered in other P& P and thus might not be required here. If such a policy exists, this item will be omitted.)
- 2.3. Nominations for the Board are Open for the entire month of November.
- 2.4. Nominees shall be verified as eligible and contacted to determine if they wish to accept the nomination.
- 2.5. Once nominations are closed, if the number of qualified Nominees does not exceed the Size of the board for the upcoming year, then:
  - 2.5.1. It shall be made known to the membership that the election is uncontested and that no further election process is necessary until the Annual Meeting.
- 2.6. If the number of qualified Nominees does exceed the Size of the board for the upcoming year, then:
  - 2.6.1. Absentee ballots shall be made available electronically or by paper for those not capable of casting a vote electronically. The club may optionally choose to provide a paper absentee ballot to members even if they are capable of electronic voting.
  - 2.6.2. All Absentee ballots must be
    - 2.6.2.1. Received by midnight on December 31<sup>st</sup> if done electronically
    - 2.6.2.2. Postmarked by midnight on December 31<sup>st</sup> if done by paper.
    - 2.6.2.3. Members shall be made aware that in order to accommodate both the verification of whom an absentee ballot has been received from and so that no double voting occurs, the identity of all absentee ballots and their votes shall be made available at the Annual meeting and then checked against those present..
    - 2.6.2.4. If a member who has submitted an absentee ballot is present at the Annual meeting, their absentee ballot shall be voided by their presence.