

Elections Process

CANDIDACY FORMS

There are three forms that must be submitted to the District Office prior to the convention: The Declaration of Candidacy, Agreement to Serve and Candidacy Profile. The **Declaration of Candidacy and Agreement to Serve** must be submitted with the required signatures and must **arrive** at the District Office no later than Saturday, March 25, 2010. If these forms are not **received** by the required dates, the person will not be allowed to campaign for office. On the same day, March 25th, the **Candidacy Profile** must **arrive** at the District Office. Failure to submit the Candidacy Profile will result in that candidate's name and information not appearing in the Candidate Profile Packet. Postal mailings received by the deadline date are preferred but faxes will be accepted only if followed by the original forms postmarked the same day as the deadline.

CAMPAIGN MATERIAL

No material, devices, or audio/visual matter will be allowed. The **Candidacy Profile** printed by the Elections Committee is the only permissible material.

CANDIDATES MEETING

Each candidate must appear at the **mandatory** Candidates Meeting at 3PM on Friday afternoon of the convention weekend. No candidate will be permitted to campaign whose forms were not submitted on time. The rules of campaigning will be explained as well as the penalties for not adhering to them. Caucus rules will be described and schedules for the caucus will be distributed. **Failure to arrive at the meeting when it commences will result in disqualification of the candidate.**

INTERNATIONAL ENDORSEMENT

Persons running for International office should campaign for District Endorsement. Endorsement by the District signifies that the District has evaluated all their candidates for International and finds one is most worthy of endorsement by the entire District and is recommended by the District to International.

NOMINATING CONFERENCE

The Nominating Conference will take place on Friday. Since all candidates will have just presented themselves to the delegates in caucus, there will be no speeches or questions at the Nominating Conference when the vote is taken for the advertised positions.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES

This forum presents an opportunity for the candidates to present their final message to the delegates. The membership of the House consists of two delegates from each club in attendance at the convention and the delegates-at-large (elected members of the District Board). When the Governor convenes the House, delegate entry and exit will only be allowed during periods between candidate presentations. A delegate may only vote for those offices for which the delegate has heard all of the candidates' speeches. When each candidate has completed the final presentation to the House, the candidate may remain in the House. The candidate may only sit in the delegate section if the candidate is a delegate and may vote for that office and any subsequent offices that remain to be voted on.

The proceedings for the House are as follows:

Call to Order; Flag Salute; Invocation

Candidates are called one at a time at the Governor's discretion in the following order:

Governor, Secretary, Treasurer, Public Relations, International Endorsement. Candidates make a short speech, answer 3 set questions and, at the Governor's discretion, answer delegates' questions.

Delegates vote for each office after the candidates for that office have finished presentations.

Ballots are collected and counted at a later time.

Presentation and voting of proposed Bylaw changes

Presentation and voting of Resolutions

Announcements; Adjournment