

ARTICLE VII - OFFICERS

Section 4. Election of Officers.

e. Vote; Proxy Form; Order of Election; Majority Required.

3. Form of Vote. Voting shall be by voice in any uncontested election. Voting in a contested election shall be by written ballot as set forth in subparagraph 5, below. Once the President announces at the meeting that voting for the election has begun, the doors to the meeting room shall be closed and only those members present at that time shall be entitled to vote in the election, subject to the proxy rules as set forth above.

5. Majority Required – Instant Runoff Procedure. A majority of the votes, including proxy votes, authorized to be cast by those present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be necessary to elect an officer. For purposes of these bylaws and the election of any Board member, a majority of votes shall be determined in accordance with the following procedures:

a. In the event there is only one candidate for office, voting shall be by voice and the President, with the concurrence of the President-Elect and the Immediate Past-President, shall determine whether a majority of those present voted to elect the uncontested candidate.

b. In the event that there are only two candidates for an office, the names of each candidate shall be placed on a paper ballot and distributed to the members present at the meeting. Each member shall then vote for one, and only one, of the two candidates by placing an X, check mark, or other legible mark next to the name of the candidate for whom the member is voting. Votes will be counted

under the supervision of the President-Elect by persons designated by the President who are not otherwise running for a contested position to determine which of the two candidates received a majority vote. Proxy votes will be taken and counted in accordance with subparagraph 2, above.

c. In the event that there are more than two candidates for an office ~~and no one candidate receives a majority vote, the candidate receiving the fewest votes shall be dropped from the ballot, and a new vote shall be taken. This procedure shall be repeated until one candidate receives a majority of the votes.~~, the names of the candidates shall be placed on a paper ballot and an instant runoff procedure shall be utilized to determine the majority vote. Each voter shall assign a numerical designation to each candidate for office with a “1” designating the candidate the voter selects as the voter’s first-choice for the contested office, a “2” designating the candidate the voter selects as the voter’s second-choice for the contested office, a “3” designating the candidate the voter selects as the voter’s third-choice for the office, and so on as necessary. Although candidates will be ranked by each voter, each voter will be considered to have only one total vote for purposes of counting in each round. Votes will be counted under the supervision of the President-Elect by persons designated by the President who are not otherwise running for a contested position as follows:

i. Each voter’s first-choice designation shall be counted for the corresponding candidate. If any one candidate receives 50% plus 1 first-choice designations, that candidate shall be declared the winner.

ii. If no candidate receives 50% plus 1 first-choice designations after the first round of vote counting is completed, the candidate receiving the fewest first-choice designations shall be eliminated. The ballots of the voters who

designated the eliminated candidate as their first-choice will be redistributed for counting purposes to the remaining candidates based upon the second-choice designation made on the ballot by the voters for the eliminated candidate. Those voters' second-choice designations will be considered those voters' first-choice designations for this second round of vote counting. If, after redistribution of the ballots in this manner a candidate reaches 50% plus 1 first-choice designations, as defined in this paragraph, that candidate shall be declared the winner.

iii. If no candidate receives 50% plus 1 first-choice designations, as defined in subparagraph ii, above, after the second round of vote counting is completed, the candidate who had the fewest first-choice designations, as defined in subparagraph ii, above, will be eliminated. The ballots of the voters who designated or were deemed to have designated the eliminated candidate as their first-choice will be redistributed for counting purposes to the remaining candidates based upon the voters' highest designation for any candidate not previously eliminated. Those voters' highest designation for any candidate not previously eliminated will now be considered their first-choice designation for this round of vote counting. If, after redistribution of the ballots in this manner, a candidate reaches 50% plus 1 first-choice votes, that candidate shall be declared the winner.

iv. If no candidate receives 50% plus 1 first-choice designations, as defined in subparagraph iii, above, after the third round of vote counting is completed, the candidate with the fewest first-choice designations, as defined in subparagraph iii, above, will be eliminated and redistribution will take place in accordance with the same procedures used above. Vote counting and redistribution will continue in accordance with the procedures set forth above

until such time as one candidate receives at least 50% plus 1 of the first-choice designations, adjusted for eliminated candidates.

v. If, at any point, two or more candidates are tied for last place in a round of vote counting, all of those candidates shall be eliminated and the ballots shall be redistributed for counting purposes to the remaining candidates based upon the voters' highest designation for any candidate not eliminated. If, after the elimination of all but two candidates has taken place as set forth above, the remaining two candidates are tied, the candidate with the highest number of first-choice designations in the first round of vote counting shall be declared the winner unless the top two candidates are still tied. If the top two candidates are still tied when their respective first-choice designations in the first round of vote counting are considered as set forth in this subparagraph, the winner shall be determined by a coin-flip, with heads being assigned to the candidate whose last name begins first in the alphabet.

vi. Proxy votes will be taken and counted in accordance with subparagraph 2, above, and the procedures set forth herein for an instant runoff as if the proxy vote was made in person.