

X. Rules of Procedure.

L. Process for Voting on Nominations for Legislative Office and for Endorsements for Governmental Offices.

1. No later than noon of the day of a meeting to determine a nomination or an endorsement, the Elections Committee shall prepare paper and electronic ballots listing by position sought all of the candidates that have qualified to appear before the meeting. Paper ballots shall include a requirement for both a legible printed name and address and signature. Electronic ballots shall include name, address, and email. The ballots shall also bear the deadline for their receipt.
2. The Elections Committee shall send voting members that have provided the Membership Chair a valid email address an email ballot no later than noon the day of the meeting. Voting members attending the meeting that prefer to use a paper ballot may request a paper ballot as they enter the meeting and sign in. The Membership Chair, Treasurer, or their designee may request reasonable confirmation of identity before providing a paper ballot. Members that neither can attend the meeting nor have a valid email address they can provide the Membership Chair may request a paper ballot in writing no later than twenty-four hours before the meeting, but because the ballots typically will not be ready until the day of the meeting, the risks of two way delivery before the deadline for the return of such paper ballots shall be on the member relying upon this third option.
3. Before Candidates are introduced and given individual opportunities to present their qualifications and answer questions in time blocks arranged by the Elections Committee, the Elections Committee shall briefly summarize the process by which the 25th LDD will conduct the election. The Elections Committee shall make best efforts to provide remote access to the Candidates' Presentations via the Internet or similar means.
4. Following the last candidate's presentation, non-members of the 25th shall be excused from the meeting with a reminder to the candidates of when the ballots will close and when they can expect an email with the results.
5. The Elections Committee shall then provide the voting membership an opportunity to discuss the candidates. It shall be permitted but not required to provide confidential remote access to this discussion for voting members of the 25th LDD.
6. Voting members may return to their signed paper ballots or email ballots to the Elections Committee any time before the deadline on the ballot so long as the ballot reaches the Elections Committee no later than that deadline. All risks of delay remain with the voting member. If a voting member votes by more than one method, the earliest ballot received by the Elections Committee shall be counted, and any subsequently received ballot shall be retained but disregarded.
7. The Elections Committee shall count and announce by email the results of the Election(s) no later than forty hours after the deadline for the receipt of ballots.