

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS



**Procedure to Fill
Offices**

Terms Defined

🍌 Nomination

A proposal to fill the blank in an assumed motion “that _____ be elected” to the specified position



🍌 Election

The vote taken to determine the person to serve in a specified position

Methods of Nomination



- 👉 By the chair
- 👉 From the floor
- 👉 By committee
- 👉 By ballot
- 👉 By mail
- 👉 By petition

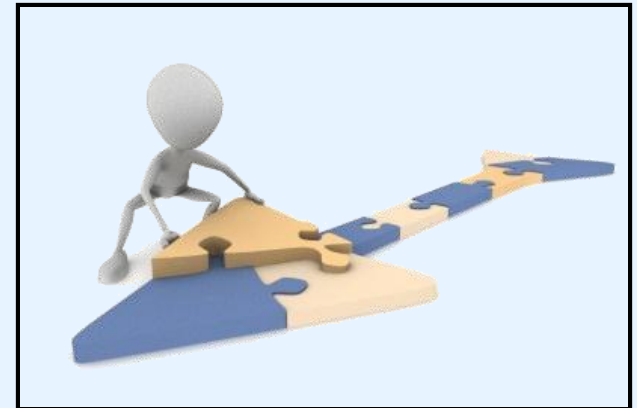
Nominations by the Chair



- 🍌 **Must be authorized in the bylaws or adopted by a motion**
- 🍌 **Subject to approval by the assembly**
- 🍌 **Usually does not include the Nominating Committee**

Nominations from the Floor

- ✿ Sometimes known as *open nominations*
- ✿ Chair calls for nominations according to rule or custom
- ✿ Always after the Nominating Committee report
- ✿ Member does not need to be recognized
- ✿ No second is required, but a second indicates endorsement of the candidate



Nominations from the Floor (Continued)



- ❦ No member may nominate more persons than there are places to be filled
- ❦ The same person may be nominated for more than one office, even if voting will be on a single ballot
- ❦ Nominations are called for in the order of offices listed in the bylaws
- ❦ The chair says, “*Nominations are now in order for the office of...*”
- ❦ The chair repeats each nomination and asks for further nominations for that office

Nominations by a Committee

- Members of committee chosen in advance by the method prescribed in the bylaws
- May nominate more than one candidate for each office, but it is not advisable to do this
- Members of the committee are not barred from becoming nominees for office themselves
- Committee members should contact each person in advance to obtain acceptance of the nomination



Nominations by Ballot



- 🍌 Shows preferences without electing anyone
- 🍌 Everyone receiving a vote is nominated
- 🍌 Nominations from the floor are not allowed unless the assembly so orders
- 🍌 This ballot should not be made the electing ballot
- 🍌 Electing ballot should not be limited to the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes on the nominating ballot

Nominations by Mail



- 🍌 Used when membership is widely scattered
- 🍌 Nominating ballot is mailed to every legal member with instructions for completion and return
- 🍌 Nominations may be either secret or on a signed ballot

Methods of Election



- 🍌 By ballot
- 🍌 By mail ballot
- 🍌 *Viva voce*
(by voice)
- 🍌 By roll call
- 🍌 By cumulative voting



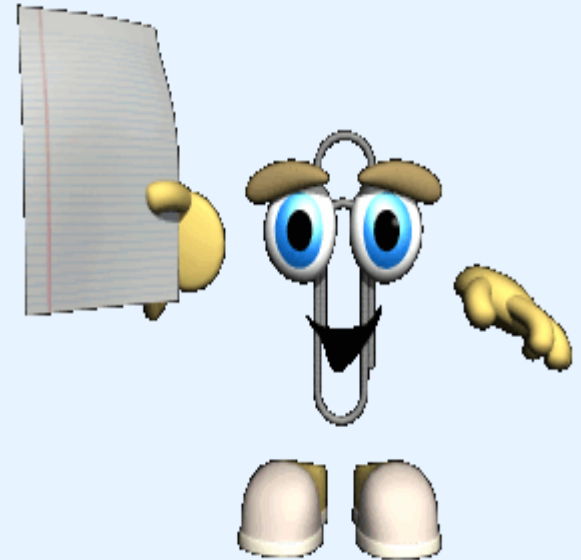
Election by Ballot

- 👉 All nominations can be completed before any balloting takes place
- 👉 Balloting for each office immediately follows the close of nominations for that office
- 👉 Should take place early in the meeting to allow time for any necessary additional balloting for any office
- 👉 Unless the bylaws prohibit, votes can be cast for any person eligible for election, even if not previously nominated



Election by Ballot (Continued)

- Names of all candidates not elected should remain on the ballot
- A ballot vote is required even when there is only one nominee for each office unless the bylaws allow a voice vote in such a case
- If fewer than the proper number receive a majority vote, or if there is a tie, additional balloting is necessary



Election by Mail Ballot

- 👉 Must be authorized in the bylaws
- 👉 If repeated balloting is necessary, the bylaws should authorize the election to be decided by preferential voting or a plurality vote



Election by Voice Vote

(viva voce)

- Principally used in mass meetings
- Candidates are voted on in the order nominated
- The first nominee for a particular office to receive a majority vote is elected to that office



Election with a Roll Call Vote

- 🧡 Member or chairman of a delegation declares his vote or the votes of the members of the delegation
- 🧡 The secretary records the votes and then repeats them to ensure accuracy

Election with Cumulative Voting



- 👉 Each member is entitled to cast one vote for each position
- 👉 Votes may all be cast for one candidate or more as the voter chooses
- 👉 *Not recommended since it violates a fundamental principle of parliamentary law: one person, one vote*

Effective Time of Election



- Immediately if the candidate is present or has consented to the candidacy
- Takes possession of the office immediately unless the bylaws provide otherwise
- Failure to hold an installation ceremony does not affect the time for assuming office