

Election of Officers - Voting Procedures

According to established precedent, the following is the procedure in the election of Auxiliary Officers: 1. President announces that the next business in order will be the election of Officers and that while such election of Officers is in progress, no member may enter or leave the room during the election of any one Officer except for valid reasons; in which case, they shall not be permitted to re-enter the room until that one Officer is elected. Also, after members have voted and the vote is declared closed, a member who has not voted is not permitted to vote.

2. A committee of one (1) Judge and two (2) Tellers is appointed by the President before nominations are opened and the result of the election shall be announced by the Judge. The Judge and Tellers must be members of the Auxiliary, District or Department that is conducting the election. The Judge and Tellers may nominate and vote, but they should not be a candidate for a contested office.

3. Nominations for Officers in National, Department, District, and local Auxiliary may always be made from the floor, or the President's station. Nominations do not have to be seconded.

4. A Presiding Officer shall announce before opening the 9 nominations: "If there are no objections, the Chair will close the nominations after calling for further nominations three (3) times, following the last nomination for that office." At a National, Department or District Convention in case of a two (2) day meeting where nominations are held open, nominations could be asked for twice on the first day and only once on the second day, provided another name is not nominated on day two (2). You must call for nominations three (3) times after the last name is nominated.

5. The written ballots may be deposited by each member in a ballot box provided therefore on the Teller's table, or may be collected by the Conductor by passing the ballot box to each member. After all ballots have been collected, the ballot box shall be placed by the Conductor upon the Teller's table. After all members have cast their ballot, the President shall declare the ballot closed and then the Judge and Tellers shall proceed to count the ballots.

6. The Judge announces the report of Tellers and the President declares the results of the election.

7. All members in good standing are entitled to vote. No member can be compelled to vote. • The President can cast the tie-breaking vote provided the President has not already voted. If the President's vote caused the tie, then the assembly needs to keep voting per Robert's Rules of Order in order to elect that Officer. • Per Sec 805 Voting, Auxiliaries vote by written ballot if more than one (1) candidate. On District level, you can vote by roll call or written ballot. If there is a tie, you should vote by written ballot if you have not already done so, as this may break the tie. • If after three (3) times, and you still cannot elect, you may by majority vote decide how to break the tie, i.e. flipping a coin, short straw, etc. The Judge should flip the coin or hold the straws or you would continue voting until a winner is declared. • NOTE: All ballots must be destroyed after the elections are completed. • NOTE: If voting on a motion and there is a tie, the motion is defeated.

8. The Judge should announce the number of members in room entitled to vote, the number of votes cast, and the number of members not voting.

9. On a roll call vote, the Chairman of the Credentials Committee calls the roll of registered Delegates, giving delegate strength. They announce the close of the roll call. Election Procedure, Two (2) or More Candidates Should there be three (3) or more candidates and one (1) or more candidate drops out before the election is concluded, the voting ceases. Then the ballots are cleared and a new balloting begins with the remaining candidates. Judge: As a courtesy to our candidates, please refrain from applause when the results are announced. You may applaud remarks made by all candidates after they address the delegation. In the case of ballots cast for two (2) or more candidates, the following is the accepted procedure: Judge: We find _____ votes for candidate "A", _____ votes for candidate "B", votes for candidate "C", etc. (During the voting procedure where there are only two candidates for whom ballots are being cast, if one (1) of the candidates withdraws before the roll call vote is completed, the Judge will announce that the remaining candidate is the winning candidate and has been elected by a majority vote.)

By your majority vote, you have elected candidate _____. President: Brother/Sister _____, do you accept this election? Officer-elect: I do, and (words of gratitude and pledge of service.)

President: I herewith declare Brother/Sister _____ duly elected as _____ for the ensuing year. One (1) rap. Election by Acclamation, One (1) Candidate In the case of only one (1) candidate having been nominated for an office, the following is the accepted procedure: President: Hearing no further nominations, I hereby declare _____ (name) elected by acclamation as _____ (title), for the ensuing year. President: Brother/Sister _____, do you accept this office? Officer-elect: I do. (Words of gratitude and pledge of service may be given here by the Officer-elect, but should be very short.)

President: I herewith declare Brother/Sister _____ duly elected as _____ for the ensuing year.