

## **Officer Election Process**

- Candidates being nominated and seconded at least ten days prior to the Spring Meeting will be included in the Candidate's Forum at the Spring Meeting. Candidates nominated after this date will be allowed to run but not included in the Candidate's Forum at the Spring Meeting.
- Nominations and seconds will be sent to the Section Office in care of the Secretary, and Section staff will notify the Membership of nominations received.
- Included on the agenda at the Spring Meeting will be a Candidate's Forum. Each eligible candidate, in alpha order, will have 3 minutes to give a brief overview of his or her platform.
- To help candidates communicate with each Chapter, a Candidate's Forum may be held during each Chapter Spring Meeting. Candidate's attending must notify the Chapter President no later than seven days prior to each Chapter meeting. If a Candidate cannot attend a Chapter Meeting, they will be allowed to submit a 1-page letter to the Chapter President no later than seven days prior to each Chapter meeting. The letter will be distributed to the attendees. A candidate that can be there and present may also want to provide a 1-page letter to be distributed to the attendees in addition to their 3-minute presentation. Each eligible candidate, in alpha order, will have 3 minutes to give a brief overview of his or her platform.
- To help candidates communicate with the entire Membership, each candidate may provide a 1-page letter to the Section Office in August (exact date to be communicated to candidates). The Section will email these letters to the Membership on behalf of the candidates as well as post on the Section's website.
- 30 days prior to the Annual Meeting, Section staff will notify the Membership of all candidates nominated to date. Nominator names will not be included.
- Candidates being nominated at least 30 days prior to the Annual Meeting will be included on the ballot. Candidates nominated after this date will be allowed to run but will not be included on the ballot.
- At the Fall Meeting each candidate whose name is on the ballot will have 3 minutes to address the audience (in alpha order).
- If there are fewer than two nominees for any office at the time of election, oral nominations for such office may be made from the floor. There is to be a maximum of three (3) calls for nominations from the floor.
- The vote will take place with the winner receiving a simple majority of the eligible votes cast. In the event no person receives such a majority (50% + 1), a run-off ballot shall be taken, on which the number of nominees shall be reduced to the number of open positions, plus one additional nominee, selected in order of the highest number of votes received on the immediately previous ballot.