

ARTICLE X

ELECTIONS

SECTION 3.

(A) There shall be a Candidate Audit Work Group comprised of the Chair ~~and Immediate Past Chair~~ of the Nominating Committee, the Immediate Past President of the National Association and three regional representatives from the Nominating Committee selected in random rotation.

(B) The Candidate Audit Group may hold such meetings as it deems necessary to complete its work pursuant to the schedule set forth in this Article.

(C)

1. The candidate's legal audit shall be conducted by, and the criminal background reports shall be obtained by, the General Counsel of the National Association who shall prepare an evaluation for submission to the Candidate Audit Work Group identifying issues from those reports based upon the guidelines established by the Board of Directors. Issues disclosed by the financial, legal and criminal background reports noted in the evaluation will first be reported to the candidate who will be given thirty (30) days to correct any inaccurate information before the evaluation is provided to the Candidate Audit Work Group.

2. The Candidate Audit Work Group shall review the application and the evaluation of the financial audit, legal audit and criminal background check for each candidate for President-elect, First Vice President, Treasurer and Regional Vice President. Any issues arising from this review that are deemed significant by the Candidate Audit Work Group will be reported to the Nominating Committee. If deemed appropriate by the Nominating Committee, those issues may also be disclosed to the Board of Directors if the member stands for election.

Note: The immediate past chair does not serve on the Nominating Committee. This amendment corrects the description of the Audit Work Group's membership to conform with the approved organization and structure for the Nominating Committee.

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SECTION 4.

(A) 1. All persons who have received their state association's endorsement to be candidates for the National Association offices of President-Elect, First Vice President, and Treasurer shall by the 15th day of April and within thirty days of receiving the endorsement file an application with the Nominating Committee ~~within one year of receiving the endorsement. Applications must be filed between the 1st day and the 15th day of April one year prior to the year in which the election for that office will take place.~~ 2. An application must be filed each year within thirty days after a candidate receives the endorsement of his/her home state association for the office of President-Elect, First Vice President or Treasurer.

(B) No member may accept and no Region, State or Local Association, Board Member or real estate business owned in whole or in part by a Board Member may provide financial support and/or an official endorsement of any member to be a candidate for the office of National Association President-elect, First Vice President or Treasurer prior to the member's receipt of the endorsement of the member's home state association for that office and the filing of that member's application with the Nominating Committee. Upon receipt of his or her home state association's endorsement and the filing of his/her application with the Nominating Committee, the member shall be deemed to be a state endorsed candidate. To continue to be eligible to receive financial support and/or an official endorsement, a member must maintain his or her status as a state endorsed candidate by annually obtaining the member's home state association endorsement to be a candidate for National Association elective office and filing, within thirty days thereafter, an application with the Nominating Committee.

(C) 1. The application form must include the member's authorization to obtain financial, legal and criminal background reports for use in connection with the audit and election process. The Chairman of the Nominating Committee shall report to the Board of Directors at the midyear meeting of the National Association following the filing of these applications the names of all persons who have filed an application and the office for which they seek to be a candidate.

~~(B)~~ 2. Following the midyear meeting at which the names are reported to the Board of Directors by the Chairman of the Nominating Committee, the Nominating Committee shall review the qualifications of all candidates who have filed applications to determine their eligibility to serve as an officer of the National Association. This review shall include conducting interviews with each candidate, reviewing any issues raised by the Candidate Audit Work Group, personal interviews with the candidates by Past Presidents, if requested by the Past Presidents or the candidate, and the receipt of the candidate's home state endorsement and any other endorsements the candidate may elect to submit on behalf of him or herself from Regions, State and Local Associations and National Directors. Each endorsement received by the Nominating Committee must be signed and dated by an elected officer holding office in the year the Nominating Committee meets to review the qualifications of the endorsed candidate.

~~(C)~~ 3. In the event the Candidate Audit Work Group identifies to the Nominating Committee an issue in connection with any candidate for the office of Regional Vice President or if there is a contested election for Regional Vice President, the Nominating Committee may require an interview with that candidate or candidates for that Region.

~~(D)~~ 4. The Nominating Committee's review of the qualifications of all candidates for the offices of the National Association shall be completed prior to the next meeting of the Board of Directors at the annual meeting of the National Association. At that annual meeting of the National Association, the Nominating Committee shall nominate at least one nominee for each of the offices of President-Elect, First Vice President and Treasurer from among the ~~declared~~ state endorsed candidates and a nominee for Regional Vice President for each of the Regions. Notice of the nominee slate for the offices of President-Elect, First Vice President and Treasurer shall be provided to the membership of the National Association prior to January 15th of the next year.

SECTION 5.

(A)

Names may be added to the slate of officers nominated by the Nominating Committee for the offices of President-Elect, First Vice President, Treasurer and Regional Vice President. These names may be placed in nomination by petition if the petition and required paper work providing the information for legal audit and authorizing the National Association to obtain the financial and criminal background reports for use in connection with the audit and election process is received at the headquarters of the National Association on or before February 28th of the year following nomination of the slate of officers by the Nominating Committee. Individuals nominated by petition need not have previously filed an application to be a candidate for office in the National Association.

(1) Petitions on behalf of candidates for the office of President-Elect, First Vice President, and Treasurer shall be signed by not less than one hundred twenty-five (125) of the Directors who were identified in the records of the National Association as holding their position as of the time the Nominating Committee nominated the slate of officers. Not more than one-fifth of the signatures shall be by Directors from the same State.

(2) Petitions on behalf of candidates for the office of Regional Vice President shall be signed by not less than twenty percent of the Directors of the Region which the Regional Vice President will represent of which Directors not more than one-half shall be from the same state.

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(B) The Board of Directors shall be advised of petitions properly filed for each office by notice sent to each Director either by mail or electronic communication on or before March 21st.

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Note: The amendment requires that candidate applications be filed with the National Association within thirty days of the candidate's receipt of his/her home state association endorsement for National Association office. Additionally, before a candidate may seek or receive additional endorsements or financial support, the candidate must have filed the candidate application with the Nominating Committee.

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Note: The amendment requires that members using the petition process to be added to the ballot must also complete and file a candidate application with the Nominating Committee.

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