

Changes To Election Procedures Effective 12-15-09

New Section 94. NOMINATION AND ELECTION.

The nomination and election of officers shall be scheduled as follows:

Announce date, time and place of *first, second and third* Nominating Committee meeting, as well as names of co-workers serving on Nominating Committee

Second Meeting in January.

Ask co-workers to submit names for consideration

Second Meeting in January.

First Nominating Committee meeting

First two weeks in February (prior to the 15th).

Second *and third* Nominating Committee meeting.

February 15th or after.

All Nominating Committee meetings shall be announced at a chapter meeting prior to date held.

Meetings shall be held prior to the first meeting in March when the final slate of nominees is read.

Final slate of Nominees read to chapter

Committee Activity Night in March.

Election (two weeks later)

Second Meeting in March.

Installation of Officers

Anytime in April.

Reason: Ability to secure additional nominees versus being limited to two meetings and only for vacant offices.

New Section 95. NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

b. Any Past Regent who is not one (1) of the five (5) in juniority *or who may have transferred in*, may be appointed as one of the five (5) co-workers *appointed by the Senior Regent*. A Past Regent is a co-worker who has completed a full term as Senior Regent and Junior Graduate Regent, regardless of whether or not she has qualified for the College of Regents Degree. The only exception is when a new chapter has been instituted and completes the first full chapter year, then the Junior Graduate Regent, after completing her term of office, shall be called a Past Regent. The Junior Graduate Regent is counted as a member of the Board of Officers and not as a Past Regent in juniority.

e. Past Regents eligible to serve on the Nominating Committee but who live out of town or cannot attend the Nominating Committee meeting because of illness shall be replaced by the next Past Regent in juniority.

f. *A former Senior Regent, who did not qualify to be a Past Regent in the chapter, is not eligible to serve on the Nominating Committee as one (1) of the five (5) Past Regents in juniority.*

Reason: Clarification.

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New Section 96. ELIGIBILITY OF OFFICERS.

- a. Any active co-worker, who will be a member of the chapter for at least six (6) months on the date of election, is eligible for nomination. A member is immediately active when her dues for the current year are paid. This provision also applies to a co-worker who has transferred into the chapter. A dispensation from the Women of the Moose shall be necessary to waive the six (6) month membership requirement. A dispensation will not be granted prior to the first Committee Activity Night meeting in March. This requirement does not apply to a newly instituted chapter.
- c. A co-worker qualified for or holding the College of Regents Degree is eligible to be nominated for the elected office of *Chaplain*, Secretary/Treasurer or Recorder.
- d. A current Recorder, *who holds the Star Recorder degree or a Call Card for the degree*, desiring to submit her name for the office of Recorder for a second year and each succeeding year thereafter must have attended a 2-HOTT Session within the last two years to be eligible for nomination.
- h. A Senior Regent who is elected and installed before July 31st and serves through April 30th, ***shall*** be installed and serve as the Junior Graduate Regent during the ensuing year. A co-worker serving as Senior Regent is ineligible to succeed herself in the office of Senior Regent. With the exception of the Senior Regent, elected officers are eligible for re-election if they are eligible under the instructions contained in this section.
- i. A current Junior Graduate Regent may submit her name for the offices of *Chaplain*, Secretary/Treasurer or Recorder.
- p. An aspirant for an elective office shall submit her name in writing to any member of the Nominating Committee (Please refer to the *Election Handbook* for examples.)
- q. Any co-worker may submit the name of any member for an elective office providing she has secured the co-workers consent. (Please refer to the *Election Handbook* for examples.)

Reason: Collegian may now serve as Chaplain and clarification.

New Section 97. NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEETING.

- e. Delete paragraph.
- m. Within 24 hours after the close of the Nominating Committee meeting, the presiding officer shall notify all applicants of the results of the meeting. If a co-worker was not nominated, the presiding officer shall not disclose the reason for the rejection. If another co-worker was nominated, the presiding officer shall inform the co-worker not nominated that she may petition for the office.
- n. *After each Nominating Committee meeting, the names of nominees shall be announced to the Chapter, posted on the chapter room bulletin board or included in chapter or lodge publications. The names for each office shall be listed alphabetically.*

Reason: New election procedures.

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New Section 100. ELECTION PROCEDURES.

c. The election shall begin one (1) hour before the start of the chapter meeting and continue until all qualified co-workers present have voted. The Senior Regent shall call the meeting to order, which closes the polls. If the Australian Ballot method is used, refer to paragraph d of this Section.

d. If appropriate, a chapter may use the Australian Ballot method in the election of officers. A period of not more than five (5) hours, immediately preceding the scheduled meeting time, may be used for this type election and must conclude prior to the opening of the chapter meeting.

e. For at least one (1) hour prior to, and at all times during the election, the Recorder shall be at her station with chapter membership information to collect dues and confirm the eligibility of co-workers to vote in the election. If using the Australian Ballot method of election, the Recorder shall be present the entire time.

f. When there is only one (1) candidate running for an office, the name is not placed on the written ballot. The Election Committee Chairman shall make a motion to cast a unanimous ballot for that particular office, which shall be seconded by any co-worker. The chapter shall vote either by a show of hands or by a simple "Yes or No" secret ballot. The majority vote rules. If vote is favorable, the Senior Regent shall declare the nominee elected. The same procedure shall be followed for each office in which there is only one nominee. If a vote is unfavorable for any nominee, the entire nomination and election procedures shall be followed to fill the vacancy. If a vote is tied, it is considered the same as an unfavorable vote. At the conclusion of the election procedure, the Senior Regent shall ask the Election Committee Chairman to read the report of the entire election.

g. Voting shall be limited to active co-workers actually present and possessing official membership cards or other evidence establishing active membership (i.e. receipt).

h. No absentee, mail or proxy votes shall be allowed.

i. The name of a nominee read to the chapter at the first chapter meeting in March shall not be placed on the ballot if she decides not to run for office. If this situation occurs, the entire nomination and election procedures shall be followed to fill the vacancy.

Reason: Paragraphs reorganized for clarification.