

ARTICLE 7 ELECTIONS & VOTING RIGHTS

7.1	<p>The Nominating Committee will consist of the immediate Past President as Chairman, and two (2) interested members at large, to be agreed upon by the Board. A majority of the members of the Nomination Committee who lawfully meet shall be a quorum and the majority of such quorum may do all things within the power of the Nomination Committee.</p> <p>The function of the Nominating Committee shall be to identify and nominate candidates for the positions of President, First Vice President, Second Vice-President, and Treasurer and ten other Directors.</p> <p>On or before the third week in January in each year, the Executive Director shall give notice to the membership of the opportunity to make nominations for the Officers and Directors for the next year, together with information as to the procedure and as to the last nomination date, by inserting a notice in the Chamber’s newsletter or by a circular mailed to the last known address of each member and each representative.</p> <p>Nomination for positions must be in writing with the Nominator’s signature and Nominee’s signature to be valid. Nominations must be received on or before the February General meeting.</p>
7.2	<p>One ballot for each \$500.00 (up to and including each \$500) in membership fees will be provided to each member at the time of registration at the Annual General Meeting. Ballots shall contain the names of all persons nominated and eligible for election. The Executive Director will direct the count of ballots and shall report the results to the Presiding Officer who is a member in good standing of the Chamber. The Presiding Officer will announce the results of the election.</p>
7.3	<p>Proxies will be mailed to all members 30 days prior to the Annual General Meeting. Votes by proxy must be received in writing at the time of registration at the Annual General Meeting in order to receive a ballot.</p>
7.4	<p>In the case of a tied vote, the selection of one of those so tied will be by “Straw Draw”. The Executive Director will identify individuals to facilitate the straw vote from those in attendance at the time of the election.</p>
7.5	<p>Candidates for executive positions will be introduced at the February General Meeting and given the opportunity to briefly state their platform. Position Platform statements of candidates will be sent with the March Annual General Meeting notices. Candidates from executive positions who are not successful have the option to be automatically included in the next lesser position, during the election.</p>
7.6	<p>Nominations for directors will be sought prior to, and at the February General Meeting. Six, but not more than ten Directors shall be elected by ballot at the Annual General Meeting in March. Incumbents may run again.</p>