

Chapter Elections Policy

Changes to this policy can only be made by the Chapter Board of Officers, as defined in the Chapter Bylaws.

PURPOSE

This policy aims to define the criteria for eligibility for candidates seeking chapter officer positions and delineate the procedures for nominations and elections.

POLICY

Section 1 – Positions to be Filled

- 1.1 The positions, terms of office and minimum qualifications are outlined in Bylaws Sections 5-6.

Section 2 – Chapter Election Process

- 2.1 Elections shall take place in an online format. Each eligible voting member shall be allowed to cast one ballot to select candidates. Winners shall be determined by a simple majority of the ballots cast.
- 2.2 Voting eligibility will be confirmed using APCO International's membership records.
- 2.3 Online ballots for nominations shall be made available to the eligible membership by no later than January 15 and must be submitted by February 15.
- 2.4 The Nominations Committee shall notify eligible candidates of their nomination. Each candidate must confirm their eligibility and submit the Employer's Concurrence of Candidacy and Service form, or in the case of a retiree, a letter of support from an active NC APCO member to the Chair of the Nominations Committee by March 1.
- 2.5 Online voting shall open by no later than March 15 and be conducted by secret ballot.
- 2.6 All online voting ballots must be cast online by no later than 11:59pm ET on April 15.
- 2.7 If a person is running unopposed for a position, members shall complete a ballot indicating their choice to confirm, or not confirm, the election of the candidate to the office for which they have been nominated.

Section 3 – Campaign Procedures

- 3.1 Each candidate will be provided the opportunity to introduce themselves to the membership at the Chapter Meeting occurring in the month of March.
- 3.2 Each candidate is permitted to send one (1) campaign message on the NC APCO/NC NENA ListServ during the elections period.