



2020 Timeline Branch/Unit Elections

- **MAY 1:** To run for office, you must be a member in good standing no later than May 1st, you must live and/or work within the jurisdiction of the Branch, and your membership must remain continuous through the date of the election.
- **AUGUST:** In the August General Membership Meeting, the General Membership should vote to determine the date, time, and place that the November election will be held.
- **AUGUST:** No later than 10 days prior to the September meeting, each Branch must send a notice to each member in good standing that lists the date, time, place, and purpose of the September and October meetings. It should also include the date, time, and place, for the November Election. The notices should be sent via Regular AND Electronic mail, and the Secretary shall maintain a list of those members to whom a notice was sent [*Bylaws for units, Article IX, Section 2(g)*]. Members should also be provided with a copy of the NAACP Candidates consent form which is available in the 2020 Election procedures manual.
- **SEPTEMBER:** The *General Membership*, in its September meeting, shall vote to determine the number of members to be elected to the Nominating Committee (between 5 and 15). The *General Membership* shall vote to determine the number of persons who shall be elected to serve as At Large members of the Executive Committee. And the *General Membership* shall vote to elect its Nominating Committee.
- **OCTOBER:** The Nominating Committee shall make its report at the October General membership Meeting. After the nominating committee completes its report, the committee shall present to the Secretary all signed consent forms for the nominees. At that point *The Chair of the Nominating Committee* shall open the floor for additional nominations. Persons nominated from the floor must submit a Candidate Consent form signed by at least three members in good standing to the Secretary following their nomination.
- **OCTOBER:** After the nomination process has completed, brief speeches in support of the Candidates or slates should be allowed, with the General Membership determining the amount of time allotted for such speeches.
- **OCTOBER:** After the nominating process has concluded, the General Membership shall elect its Election Supervisory Committee consisting of 5 members in good standing who are NOT candidates for office or at large positions on the Executive Committee. Each Presidential Candidate is then entitled to appoint a representative to the Election Supervisory Committee.
- **NOVEMBER:** Units are required to place a notice of the Election with the date, time, and place, in at least one newspaper of general circulation, no less than 10 days prior to the election.
- The National Office shall have the authority to intervene at any time during the three month period leading up to the Branch election.