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Section 1. Eligibility

- **1.1** Only members who hold Full membership status in this chapter may be considered for an elective position in this Chapter.
- 1.2 Any member wishing to hold an elective position in this Chapter, MUST submit a letter of intent and approval signed by their Agency Head or Designee to the Nominating Committee prior to running for any office and must be an employee of a North Carolina public-safety agency.
- 1.3 A person serving on the NC NENA Board of Officers may not serve on the NC APCO Chapter Board of Officers at the same time.

Section 2. Positions to be Filled

- 2.1 The Offices of Chapter President and First Vice President shall normally be filled by advancement in rank. The Second Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Association Executive Council Representative, and six (6) Regional Ambassadors shall be elected. The Executive Council Representative, Secretary, Treasurer and the Regional Ambassadors shall be elected for a twoyear term. The Secretary, Treasurer, Executive Council Representative, and the Regional Ambassadors may succeed themselves.
- 2.2 Regional Ambassadors will be elected by regions, and must work and/or reside within the region in which they intend to serve. Regions will be identified and described as follows:

Region A: Beaufort, Bertie, Camden, Carteret, Chowan, Craven, Currituck, Dare, Edgecombe, Gates, Greene, Halifax, Hertford, Hyde, Jones, Lenoir, Martin, Nash, Northampton, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Pitt, Tyrell, Washington, and Wilson counties.

Region B: Durham, Franklin, Granville, Johnston, Orange, Person, Vance, Wake, and Warren counties.

Region C: Bladen, Brunswick, Columbus, Cumberland, Duplin, Harnett, Hoke, New Hanover, Onslow, Pender, Roberson, Sampson and Wayne counties.

Region D: Alamance, Caswell, Chatham, Davidson, Davie, Forsyth, Guilford, Lee, Montgomery, Moore, Randolph, Rockingham, Stokes, Surry and Yadkin counties.

Region E: Anson, Cabarrus, Catawba, Gaston, Iredell, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Richmond, Rowan, Scotland, Stanly, and Union, counties.

Region F: Alleghany, Alexander, Ashe, Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Caldwell, Cherokee, Clay, Cleveland, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Macon, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Polk, Rutherford, Swain, Transylvania, Watauga, Wilkes, and Yancey counties.

2.3 In an effort to maintain some degree of experience and continuity on the Board of Officers, Regional Ambassadors will be elected to staggered terms. Representatives from Regions A, C, and E will be elected for a two year term in edd even numbered years, beginning in 2022. Representatives from Regions B, D, and F will be elected for a two-year term in even odd numbered years, beginning in 2021.

Section 3. How Filled

- 3.1 Beginning immediately after appointment by the incoming President, the Nominating Committee, consisting of no less than 3 members and chaired by the Immediate Past President or designee, will begin the process of locating eligible candidates that may be interested in serving as a Chapter Officer.
- 3.2 The Nominating Committee will solicit input from the Chapter membership for worthy candidates by submitting a nomination ballot online. To place nominations online, the member must provide an individual email address and their APCO membership number. Online nomination ballots will be made available to the Chapter membership no later than March 1stNovember 1.
- **3.3** All nominations must be cast online, no later than March 31 November 30 in order to be considered a valid ballot.
- 3.4 The Nominating Committee will review the candidates to validate their eligibility, and to confirm they agree to accept the office for which they have been nominated. The committee will also confirm they have submitted the required letter of intent, and approval from their Agency Head or Designee. This slate of potential officers shall be presented to the Executive Board by the Chapter President at their bimonthly Board meeting held during the month of MayJanuary. The Executive Board will review all documentation to confirm eligibility of the candidates.

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3.5 The official list of candidates running for Chapter Officers will be announced to the membership at the Chapter meeting held during the month of MayJanuary.

- **3.6** Online voting for the coming year's slate of officers will be made available online by no later than June 1February 1.
- **3.7** All voting ballots must be cast online by no later than 11:59pm EST on August 1April 1.
- **3.8** If a person is running unopposed for a Chapter Officer position, that person will be elected by acclamation.