



Operational Policy/Procedure

Title: Voting during election of officers for TCENA	Number:
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I. POLICY PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to define the rules for voting by an electorate for a member that is a candidate for an office of the organization.

A plurality vote will determine the winner of all elections of the Tarrant County Emergency Nurses Association (TCENA).

This policy applies to the election of offices only and is not applicable to the rules of assembly of the organization.

This policy replaces procedures outlined in the Standard Operating Procedures for the Texas Emergency Nurses Association, Inc

II. POLICY BACKGROUND:

An electorate is the total number of voting members participating in an election.

An office of the organization includes an office of the Board of Directors identified in the bylaws of the Tarrant County Emergency Nurses Association Inc.

A plurality vote describes the circumstance when a candidate polls more votes than any other candidate but does not have to be a majority of the electorate to win the election.

A majority vote describes the circumstance when a candidate polls a majority vote and, if a majority is required, wins the election. A majority vote is 50% of the electorate plus 1. When more than two candidates in an election, and none receive a majority, another (run-off) election is held with the two candidates receiving the highest polled.

III. PROTOCOL/PROCEDURE:

1. Method for voting for candidates of an office of the organization shall be by written or electronic ballot.
2. Candidates for office shall be listed on a ballot and space provided for a write-in candidate will be provided.

3. The electorate shall consist of the current members of the board of directors for TCENA, any current active member that is a past president of TCENA, and any active member of TCENA present at the meeting in which an election is held.
 - A. Past presidents participating in the election shall be identified prior to the poll of voters in order to distribute a ballot to each.
 - B. Active members of the organization shall be identified prior to the poll of voters in order to distribute a ballot to each.
4. If the election is by ballot of those present at a meeting:
 - A. Each member of the board and each past president present will have one vote. There is no vote by proxy. Members attending a meeting virtually, must be present at the time of the poll and their presence is considered in attendance at the meeting.
 - B. The poll of the votes will be collected and tabulated by appointment by the president.
 - C. Results of the tabulation will be given to the president and the president will announce the result of the poll.
 - D. If the election is by electronic ballot, a ballot will be provided to each eligible voter of the electorate identified in rule #3.
 - E. Electronic ballots are tabulated by the provider of the ballot.
 - F. The president will announce the results of the poll received.
5. The President's vote
 - A. According to Robert's Rules of Order, the president always votes in a ballot vote.
 - B. The policy of this organization is the president's vote is used only to cast a tie-breaking vote, therefore the president's vote is held and only used to settle a tie vote.